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STRONG NAZI FORCES ALREADY IN SYRIA

Latest Me's Downed

Two of Germany's Messerschmidt fighters — the ME 109F — were shot down into the English Channel last evening.

They were among a number which attempted to cross the Kent coast above the cover of cloud but were tackled by cannon-firing Spitfires.

One British fighter is missing. The ME 109F is a development of last year's ME 109, chief new feature being bigger engine power. — Reuter.

GERMAN KULTUR AT WORK

Ignoring German threats, the inhabitants of the Greek town of Levadia, 60 miles north-west of Athens, began unloading a goods train carrying supplies which had been seized in that area.

It was authoritatively learned in Cairo yesterday that German police opened fire, killing and wounding many, including women and children.

Following this incident the German kommandatur ordered the shooting of anybody attempting to approach goods trains or

VICHY DENIES BASES REPORT

Reports published abroad that six French naval bases had been set aside for joint occupation by Franco-German forces, were formally denied in authoritative circles in Vichy yesterday, says the official French News Agency. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVY'S PART IN ANTI-SUB CAMPAIGN

THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE EXPANSION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL PATROL HAS SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF GERMAN SUBMARINE OPERATIONS.

This was stated yesterday by Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, in Washington.

The Germans, he said, were claiming a tremendous number of sinkings but "hitherto the British have generally been right" in contending that the true figures were much less than the German claims. — Reuter.

warehouses.

Emergency measures have been decreed in Athens and hundreds of citizens are being sent to courts-martial there to receive the death penalty. — Reuter.

NAZIS MAY GET FRENCH BASES

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

REPORTS OF FURTHER plans for collaboration between Vichy and the Nazis were current in London yesterday, and though they do not so far find confirmation in official circles, they are interesting indications of German aspirations regarding French resistance.

One of these reports suggests that under the terms of the Hitler-Darlan agreement, six French naval bases are to be made available for joint use by the French and German Fleets. The ports mentioned were Sete, on the Mediterranean coast, of the distance between Africa and

franche near Nice, Algiers, Casablanca and Dakar.

If this report is borne out by developments it is obviously of first class importance.

Possession of Dakar would put German ships at a base where they could operate in the Atlantic.

Panzer Divisions And 400 'Planes Set For Campaign

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

OUT OF A MULTITUDE OF CONFLICTING REPORTS ON THE SITUATION IN SYRIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST GENERALLY, AS WELL AS AXIS PROPAGANDA DESIGNED TO CONFUSE AND HIDE THE ACTUAL PLANS OF THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, COMES RELIABLE INFORMATION IN LONDON THAT THE NAZIS HAVE, IN FACT, CONCENTRATED STRONG LAND AND AIR FORCES IN SYRIA.

Germany, according to this information, is already virtually set, with vast air and land forces in Syria, Libya and Mediterranean island bases, for a swift and strong blow against Britain's strongholds in the Middle East.

At least 400 German 'planes and three panzer divisions, two of them complete with light tank units, as well as 200,000 paratroopers and other aerial specialists, are reliably said to have arrived in Syria.

Whether Britain, with large forces massed on the Syrian frontier, will march into the French-mandated territory in an attempt to beat the Germans to the punch, remains uncertain.

In view of the official silence on events in this part of the world, however, observers in London said yesterday that this possibility cannot be disregarded.

The British press is still airing arguments for and against a British move in Syria.

Vichy Warning

The "Daily Express" yesterday urged continued trust in Britain's leaders "to do the right thing in the light of all circumstances," including "the best disposition of the British forces over a wide area and the likelihood that any overt move by Britain might compel Vichy to go over completely to the Reich."

MEANWHILE THE VICHY SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY WARNED BRITAIN THAT THE FRENCH ADMINISTRATION IN

SYRIAN TRADE FORBIDDEN

The Egyptian Ministry of Finance has placed Syria on the list of countries with which it is forbidden to trade as "being occupied either by Germany or Italy." — Reuter.

the South American continent is no more than about 2,000 miles, and would also constitute a further menace to British shipping from West African ports. — Reuter.

MYSTERY U.S. NAVY ORDER

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY DIRECTING THAT AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF COAST GUARD OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN BE TRANSFERRED TO HELP OPERATE CERTAIN NAVAL VESSELS.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Commission has issued a list of 28 merchant vessels, including the liner America, which have been acquired for the army and navy. — Reuter.



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German Infiltration Into Syria Continues Steadily

NAZIS TAKE OVER FRENCH TANKS AND ARMoured CARS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Syrian Frontier)
REPORTS TRICKLING OVER THE FRONTIER INDICATE THAT THE STEADY GERMAN INFILTRATION INTO SYRIA CONTINUES BY LAND, SEA AND AIR. THRICE WEEKLY THE TAURUS EXPRESS DISGORGES BATCHES OF APPROXIMATELY 50 NAZIS WHILE FURTHER GERMANS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE BY PLANE AT SYRIAN AIRPORTS.

Latest reports indicate that more than 12 planes are arriving daily, many of which are fighters. On Tuesday 150 troop-carriers landed at Rayak, for what purpose is unknown, for all were empty.

Although the reports are unconfirmed, I believe the 400 so-called wounded who were recently landed at Beirut from a hospital ship are members of the Nazi Tank Corps which has now taken control of French armoured cars and tanks, which had lain idle for four months.

Coincidentally comes news of a tightening of Vichy's iron grip on Syria. Any officers attempting to escape to Palestine are shot on the spot.

This fact is proved by news that two were shot on Tuesday while attempting to cross the border.

Furthermore the French army has been warned that if they attempt to escape their families will be imprisoned and their goods confiscated.

Order To Fire

One who reached Palestine said the Senegalese manning the frontier, who are mostly pro-British, now have 10 Vichy officers to every 100 men.

These officers are instructed that if any British attempt to cross the frontier to Syria they must shoot.

Although most of the Germans arriving in Syria disappear immediately to unknown destinations in the interior, three leading hotels in Beirut are reserved for Germans only.

Majority of the Germans are selected for their knowledge of French. They are excellent linguists but their writing in the hotel registers reveals their nationality.

Those coming from Turkey inscribe "Via Aleppo" instead of "Aleppo" which is the true French version.

Frontier Still Quiet

The majority of Frenchmen in Syria secretly express disgust at the German infiltration and understanding of the British suppression of the Iraqi rebellion, while the determined R.A.F. attacks on Syrian airports and the desertion of Colonel Collet, the famous leader of Colonial troops, are all having an encouraging effect.

Meanwhile the frontier is extremely quiet, and after a tour extending from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Galilee, I saw nothing which indicated secret movements going on in Syria.

The crops are now ripe; Jews and Arabs alike are peacefully harvesting in the frontier region. — Reuter.

STRIKERS HOLD UP SUPPLIES FOR BRITAIN

Millions of dollars worth of defence materials for Britain have been immobilised in New York by a strike of 1,400 warehouse workers in New York warehouses.

The strikers are demanding an increase in wages. — Reuter.

APPROVAL OF U.S.A. ASSURED

There is no doubt that whatever steps Britain is forced to take in Syria, she will have the whole-hearted approval of the United States as the press and public continue their denunciation of the Darlan policy.

In a trenchant editorial, the "Washington Post" says that if Darlan's remarks mean anything, France is prepared not only to kiss the rod which beat her, but will wield it against a nation to which her people must look for their salvation.

The paper goes on to say that Hitlerism is America's declared enemy and France cannot be a friend of Germany and also of the United States. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL VISIT

The Governor of Kenya, Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, and Lady Moore have left for the Congo by air on an official visit to the Governor-General, it was officially announced in Nairobi yesterday. — Reuter.

MOSCOW CRITICAL ON CRETE

"The British Military Command of the Near East actually held Crete for six months from the Greek entry into the war, but it neglected properly to fortify this important strategic position."

This statement was made by Ivanov, member of the Soviet Academy of Science, discussing events in the Mediterranean in yesterday's issue of "Trud," organ of the Trade Unions in Moscow.

He continued: "Particularly during this period no coastal defence or A.A. defence of any special value was established. There were only three aerodromes on the island and they were open and unprotected."

He pointed out that owing to the withdrawal of the Air Force, the British troops and the naval base at Suda Bay were left almost without protection.

He said that despite heavy losses, units of the British Mediterranean Fleet operating in the region of Crete carried out the tasks allotted to them.

He concluded: "The battle of Crete demonstrates again the tremendous significance of the full cooperation of all types of arms; it shows especially the necessity of thorough preparation and consolidation of landing operations and defences against enemy landings." — Reuter.



The King, accompanied by the Queen, recently visited several R.A.F. stations where he inspected the personnel and presented honours and awards. Photo shows the King investing Group Captain O. R. Gayford, D.F.C., A.F.C., with the C.B.E. In February, 1933, S/Ldr. Gayford, as he then was, established a world's long distance record for a flight from Cranwell to Walvisch Bay, South West Africa, a distance of 5,340 miles, in 37 hours 25 minutes. He piloted the Fairey monoplane used in the flight.

STAGE SET FOR MEDITERRANEAN TESTING TIME

THE TESTING TIME in the Mediterranean is drawing near, declared the London evening newspapers yesterday, the "Star" saying: "The stage is set for a mighty struggle on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean."

"Axis strategy is to strike down through Syria and Palestine on one side and from Libya on the other."

YOUTHFUL RECRUITS FOR NAVY

Schoolboys and other young men may volunteer for the Navy, including the Fleet Air Arm, under a new "Y" scheme announced by the Admiralty in London yesterday.

They must have reached the age of 17 but will not be called for training until they are 18. Candidates accepted will be entered in the unpaid Navy Reserve and continue schooling until called up. They must have reached a certain educational standard or have served a year in a junior training corps, Air Training Corps, the Army Cadet or Sea Cadet Corps.

Candidates can volunteer for training as pilot or observer in the Fleet Air Arm and if they satisfactorily complete the course of training they will be granted temporary commissions in the air branch of the Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Candidates accepted as seamen

"The reverses in Greece and Crete should not make us forget that we owe the chief successes of our arms in this war to General Wavell's skill."

"The testing time is drawing nearer. The valour and quality of our fighting men have been proved in many fierce encounters against heavy odds."

All Out Watchword

"The least they deserve is every support in machines and equipment that our workshops can give them, coupled with resolve on the part of our High Command to abandon all old-fashioned notions of strategy, tactics and technique."

"The Germans are likely to stake everything on a decision this summer, before American help becomes an avalanche, and Hitler is thinking in terms of a total war, a lightning war of 100 per cent. effort."

"Our watchword must be 'all out.'" — Reuter.

can also be recommended for temporary commissions. Men already registered who wish to be pilots or observers in the Fleet Air Arm, if under 28, can volunteer under the "Y" Scheme. University students are eligible and if possible will complete their course of study before being called for naval training. — Reuter.

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At Head Of Free French Forces

FOREIGN REPORTS OF THE PRESENCE OF GENERAL DE GAULLE, LEADER OF FREE FRANCE, IN JERUSALEM AT THE HEAD OF A FREE FRENCH FORCE, ARE NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED IN EITHER FREE FRENCH OR BRITISH QUARTERS IN LONDON BUT THEY SERVE TO EMPHASISE THE IDENTITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN FREE FRANCE AND BRITAIN IN THE SYRIAN QUESTION, AS IN OTHER MATTERS.

Since General de Gaulle returned to Cairo about 11 days ago, to be in close touch with developments in Syria and elsewhere, there had been no further news of his movements until yesterday.

Meanwhile, the reported decision of the Vichy Government to defend the French Empire "single-handed" is significant in several ways.

The announcement seems designed to meet charges which are being increasingly heard inside France that the French are not masters in their own house, and the fact that such an announcement is thought necessary at present may doubtless be taken as a measure of the dissatisfaction felt in France and the French Empire at Vichy's policy.

The phrase "fighting single-handed" is doubtless German-inspired.

German Lure?

It would pay the Germans well to lure the Vichy forces into single-handed hostilities while the German army made its preparations leisurely and then made a dramatic entry at the propitious moment.

Whatever phrases Vichy employs, however, the fact remains her troops can fight only with German-made arms in French factories now under German control.

Further reports from France of increasing attacks by night on the German forces in Occupied France seem to suggest increasing dissatisfaction among loyal Frenchmen at German control there.

Knowledge that German military activity is in full flood, both in Morocco and Syria, will certainly do little to allay this resentment.—Reuter.

COMPOSITE AIRCRAFT DAMAGED

The Maia, bottom half of the Mayo composite "pick-a-back" aircraft, has been damaged and rendered unserviceable in a British harbour.

At the beginning of the war the pick-a-back plane, which was one of the world's most expensive aircraft, was re-leased to the Air Ministry for duty with the Royal Air Force Coastal Command, but apart from a few special service flights, she did not take the air often.

Damage to the Maia breaks the partnership with the smaller upper half of the aircraft, Mercury, which went into service with the Imperial Airways before the war following non-stop flights across the Atlantic and to South Africa.—Reuter.

EGYPTIAN CABINET RESHUFFLE

An Egyptian Cabinet reshuffle is taking place in Cairo; members of the Cabinet submitted their resignations to King Farouk last night.

It is understood the reforming of the Cabinet will be completed to-day under the same Premier and with the Saudist Party and the Wafd Party still refusing to join the Government.

While the Wafd, however, will still remain outside the Cabinet, this is purely a question of internal politics and has nothing to do with external affairs.

The Wafd wants general elections held first before entering a National Government, whereas the other parties consider this undesirable in wartime.

The idea of further broadening the basis of the Government is generally welcomed in Cairo.—Reuter.

NEW U.S. TREATY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Buenos Aires newspapers yesterday stated that a comprehensive commercial treaty between the United States and Argentina has been virtually completed and will be signed in the near future.

In Washington the State Department announced that completion of the commercial negotiations will await a public hearing on June 10. The treaty will be in effect a reciprocal trade pact.

Similar negotiations are under way with Uruguay.—International News Service.

MARKING TIME ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was narrowly irregular yesterday, operators tending to mark time in view of the eastern Mediterranean uncertainty. Gifted securities were fractionally lower, and Industrials irregular. B.A.T.'s were 84s 4d against 87s 6d on the reduction of the interim dividend from 9d to 7d, while stores again were lower.



Roman Catholic chaplains are not carried in all British navy ships, but one is attached to a ship in each squadron and generally to each naval establishment. Photo shows Mass in progress on the Recreation Deck.

POLISH FORCES READY

General Sikorski's visit to the United States and his conversation with President Roosevelt aroused great enthusiasm in Poland, declared the Polish Commander-in-Chief in a statement on the results of his American tour to the Polish National Council in London yesterday.

The Polish President, M. Raczkiewicz, and all members of the Government were present. General Sikorski was welcomed by the acting Vice-Chairman of the National Council, Dr. Lieberman, well-known Polish Socialist leader.

General Sikorski said Polish pilots and sailors were on active service and the Polish Brigade in the Middle East under the command of General Wavell has taken up its position.

Polish forces which were defending an important sector of Britain could easily be enlarged by new recruits from Polish manpower in the Western Hemisphere.

The organisation of Polish military training camps in Canada therefore had become an acute problem and the Polish Government had decided to spend part of its gold reserves for this object.

The first large comfortable camp will be established at Owen Sound, Ontario, and the second in Windsor. General Sikorski hoped the Polish forces might further be enlarged next year in readiness for offensive action on the Continent.

He paid a warm tribute to the assistance the United States is giving the Allies and expressed sincere belief that the unlimited potentialities of the United States war industry would bring victory.—Reuter.

There was some improvement in Kaffirs where the Cape bought non-producers. Oils occasionally suffered minor losses. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

NAZI DELEGATES AT EX-KAISER'S FUNERAL

Delegations from the Reich are expected to attend the funeral of the ex-Kaiser on Monday in the Castle Chapel at Doorn, says a message to the Official German News Agency from Doorn.

Otherwise the ceremony will be confined to members of the family, according to the ex-Kaiser's wishes.—Reuter.

NEW YORK MASS FOR BRITAIN

Many distinguished persons were present yesterday at a solemn Pontifical Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, for the people of Britain.

Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, Mr. Wendell Willkie, Governor Lehmann of New York State, Archduke Otto and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennedy were among those attending as well as representatives of South Africa, Canada, Australia and India.

Archbishop Spellman in the course of a striking address said: "Governments of man have Stuka-dived into paganism, strafed the Ten Commandments and bombed the Sermon on the Mount."

He read a cable from Cardinal Hinsley thanking the American people for their help. The Rev. Phillip Furlong, President of the Cathedral College of New York, in the course of a sermon said that the bombing of Westminster Abbey "produced in most Americans a special sense of injury." —Reuter.

PLAN TO NATIONALISE FILM TRADE

A plan for nationalising the cinema industry will be debated by the Association of Cine-Technicians at its annual conference.

The Association, film production's leading Trade Union, outlines these measures:—

State production of feature films and control of distribution; State ownership of studios and laboratories.

A Credit Bank to finance approved speculative spending.

Representation of technicians and workers in industrial control, with standard minimum conditions for production employees.

Democratic organisation and expression of cinema audiences.

Already Ripe

The exhibiting organisation is held to be already ripe for nationalisation, due to extensive classification.

It is stressed that only in this way can the British industry resist American domination and remain independent.

The Government has rejected the British Screen Writers' Association's plan for a Film Ministry to help the cinema industry to reorganise.

DIED WITH A SMILE

Among casualties of a recent raid taken into a voluntary hospital in London was a badly injured child, who plainly had not long to live.

In the ward the matron bent over her bed. "If you had one wish, what would you like most in all the world?" she asked.

The eyes of the little patient lit up. "A bottle of lemonade through a straw," she whispered.

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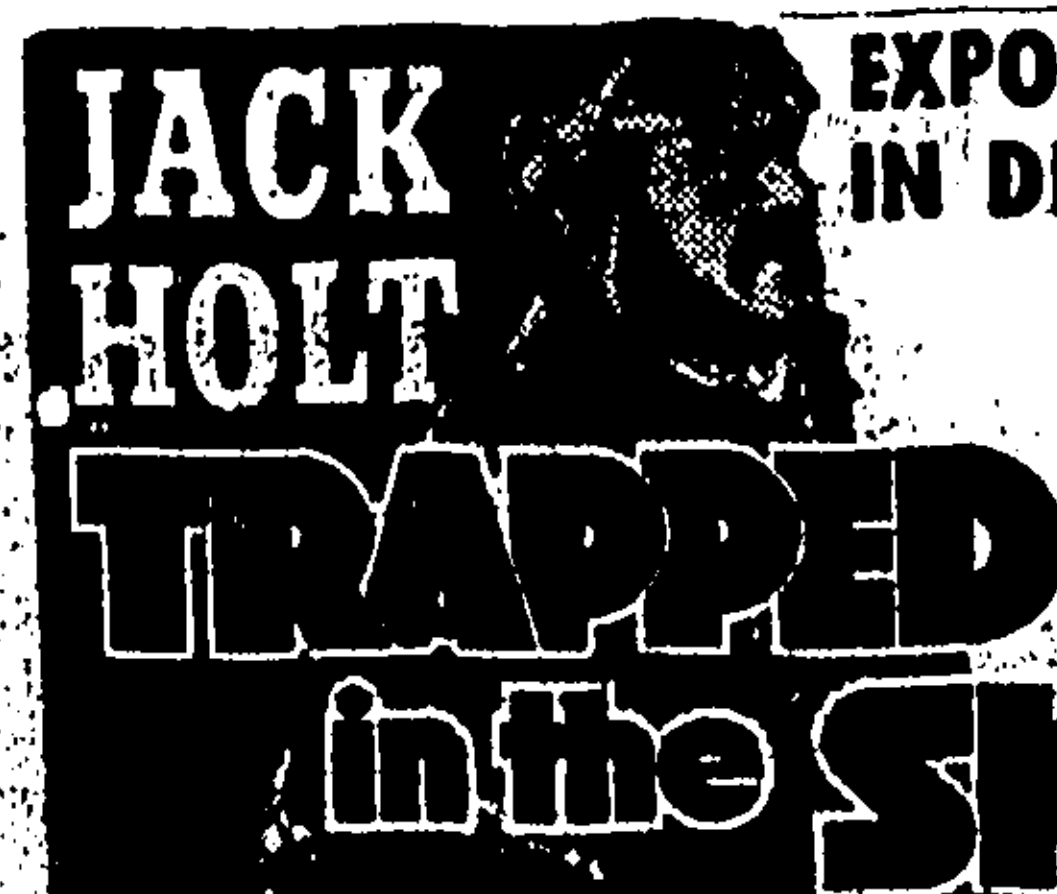
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INDIAN NAVAL CHASE OF ITALIANS OFF MASSAWA

HOW A SLOOP of the Royal Indian Navy was responsible for the capture of two Italian islands off Massawa and how a small party from the same vessel chased and finally captured a party of Italian soldiers, including a brigadier-general and a colonel who tried to escape in a dhow, is recounted in a despatch received in Simla yesterday.

The sloop, commanded by an officer from Poona who was the first officer to hold a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve, was ordered after the fall of Massawa, to clean up the islands of Nocra and Dahlak, where the Italians were still in occupation.

Reinforced by three officers and 12 other ranks the sloop proceeded to Nocra, where 900 Italians, Germans and Eritreans capitulated without semblance of a fight.

A number of Abyssinian political prisoners were released from the island.

Receiving information here that a party of Federales, well-armed and determined to resist to the death, had made off into the interior of the island of Dahlak, a party from the sloop, consisting of a political officer, two deck officers, two ratings, four soldiers and two guides, set out to intercept the Federales.

After a long search across the land and dunes they were unable to find the enemy but later the Italians were reported to have put to sea in a dhow in an effort to escape to the Yemen mainland across the Red Sea.

The search party immediately commandeered a fast dhow and set off in pursuit.

One Adventure Of Many

About noon the enemy was sighted and the Indian Navy party brought a machine-gun and four rifles to bear on the fleeing dhow. The enemy surrendered without a fight, the bag including a brigadier-general and a colonel.

This adventure, the despatch adds, was only one of many bold and skilful operations undertaken by the Royal Indian Navy during naval cooperation with the Imperial land forces in the overthrow of Italian power in Eritrea.

These ships helped to open the coast road from Port Sudan leading down to Massawa, transported Indian, British, French and African troops to Mersa Taklai, improvised operational bases on the Eritrean coast, continued to ensure an adequate supply of munitions, food and water to the troops and removed many hundred Italian prisoners as a last on return trips.—Reuter.

NAILING COLOURS TO THE MAST

AT LEAST ONE ITALIAN NAILED HIS COLOURS TO THE MAST DURING THE SOMALI-LAND CAMPAIGN. A BARGE, FLYING A STRANGELY SHAPED FLAG, HAD BEEN SEEN OFF THE COAST JUST BEFORE THE CAPTURE OF KISMAYU. THE PILOT OF A SOUTH AFRICAN RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT PROVIDED THE EXPLANATION LATER.

"I came down to look at the barge," he said, "and as I dived, I saw someone on the deck pull off his shirt and wave it frantically at me."

"When I came back and dived again I noticed that he had nailed his shirt to the mast and was standing on the deck pointing at it."

The shirt was not the black symbol of Fascism but the white token of surrender.

GREEK PREMIER CONFIDENT

Utter confidence in final victory is expressed by the Greek Prime Minister, M. Tsouderos, in a message from Cairo to the Greek people "because God and Right are with us and Greece cannot die."

The message continues: "The struggle continues. At the side of our great Allies, Greek regiments, warships and aeroplanes are re-organising to fight the enemy wherever he be in order to liberate Greece."

"One million Greeks, scattered in the four corners of the earth are collaborating with all their strength."

"Our one aim is to win. We shall win!"—Reuter.

THE SWASTIKA WILL WAVE NO MORE

Four stormy years of waving swastika flags and shouting "Heil" at Camp No-dland, New Jersey, came to an end yesterday with the sale of the camp and surrender of the charter of the German-American Bund in New Jersey State.

The Bund's counsel revealed that the camp was sold for \$23,500 to 217 individual mortgagees and the charter returned to the Secretary of State—a few hours after the New Jersey State Legislature passed a law repealing the charter.—Reuter.

AUTHOR'S 'FAREWELL TO WORLD' LETTER

POLICE SEARCHING FOR MRS. VIRGINIA WOOLF, FIFTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD NOVELIST, MISSING FROM HER HOME AT RODNELL, NEAR LEWES, SUSSEX, HAVE A LETTER WRITTEN BY HER IN WHICH SHE "BIDS THE WORLD FAREWELL."

Footprints leading to the river have provided a clue to her fate. At the bank detectives found her favourite walking-stick without which she never went outside her doors.

The fast flowing tide stopped the police from dragging the river.

SPACIOUS SKATING RINK TO OPEN SOON

ROLLER-SKATING IN THE COLONY HAS COME TO STAY; AND THE LARGEST AND MOST UP TO DATE COMBINED INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RINK WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH, THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNED THIS MORNING FROM THE SPONSORS OF THE PROJECT.

The indoor rink with floor space of some 20,000 square feet will be located on the upper floor of the former Dragon Garage in Happy Valley, while the outdoor rink—some 5,000 square feet—will be situated at the rear of the building, off Blue Pool Road.

The rinks will be fitted out with the most up to date equipment and a modern soda fountain is to be installed, with novelty side-shows.

Other Additions

The project includes a dancing floor and a restaurant but these are to be added later. An air conditioning system may also be installed in future, it was learned.

One of the chief sponsors, Mr. Tsang Fuk-lam, brother of the well-known Dr. Tsang Fuk-cho, stated yesterday that as a result of the anti-tuberculosis movement inaugurated by the Hon. Director of Medical Services, the general public have come to realise the importance of hygiene and

physical culture, especially outdoor recreation.

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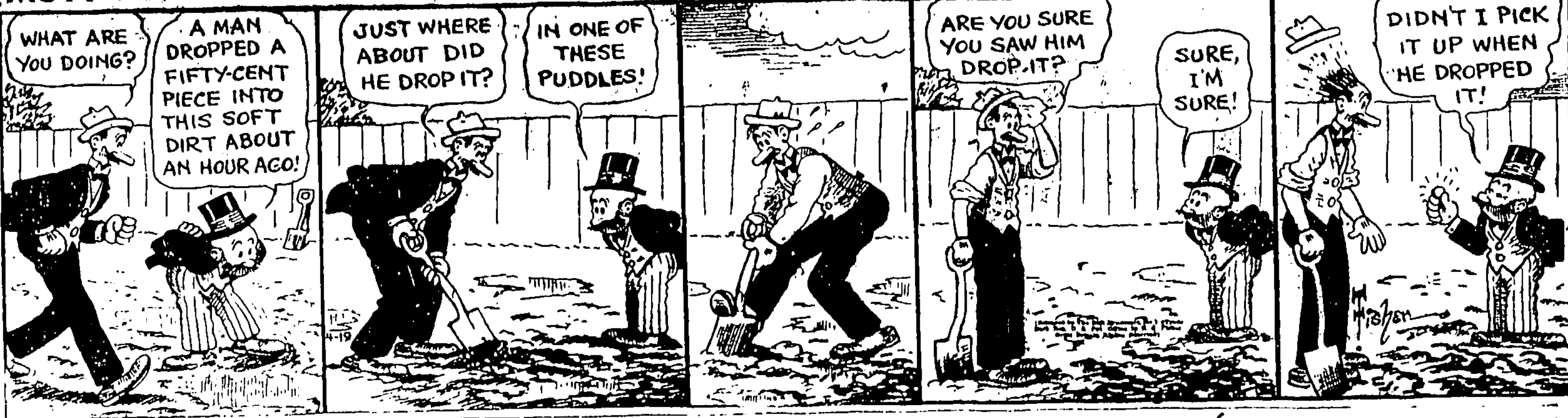
Apart from other physical exercises, pointed out Mr. Tsang, roller-skating has become very popular in Hong Kong, resulting in over 10 skating rinks being opened in the Colony in the past six months. But none have made any provision for rainy days. To meet this need, the spacious indoor rink will be opened soon in Happy Valley.

Both rinks will be able to accommodate some 1,000 patrons.

Mr. Tsang concluded that outdoor recreation, such as roller-skating, will contribute a great deal to improving the health of the general public. He conceived the idea of providing a healthy indoor recreation as far back as 1937 when he heard his brother, Dr. Tsang Fuk-cho, voice the necessity of promoting physical culture by means of healthy and wholesome amusements.

By BUD FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF



EYES THAT CAN SEE IN DARK

Night fighter pilots, whose successes have been an encouraging feature of recent official bulletins, are adopting every possible device to aid them in their search for the elusive Nazi raider between dusk and dawn.

The proverbial "black cat in a coal cellar" is not more difficult

to spot than an aircraft on a starless night. Pilots whose duty it is to find the raider and bring him down must develop eyesight as sensitive to shadows of varying intensity as are those of sailors watching in the dark for the boom of an unlit reef.

To accustom their eyes to seeing with the minimum of light pilots sit in a dimly-lit room wearing green goggles for some time before they go on patrol. By the and various other means they induce their eyes to become receptive to illumination so faint as to be invisible to ordinary sight.

So trained, the night fighter pilot patrols over-head with eyes as quick as a cat's to spot a moving shadow. He must have quickness as well as clearness of vision, for both he and the raider are moving fast, and the fighter pilot has his controls to watch as well as the sky.

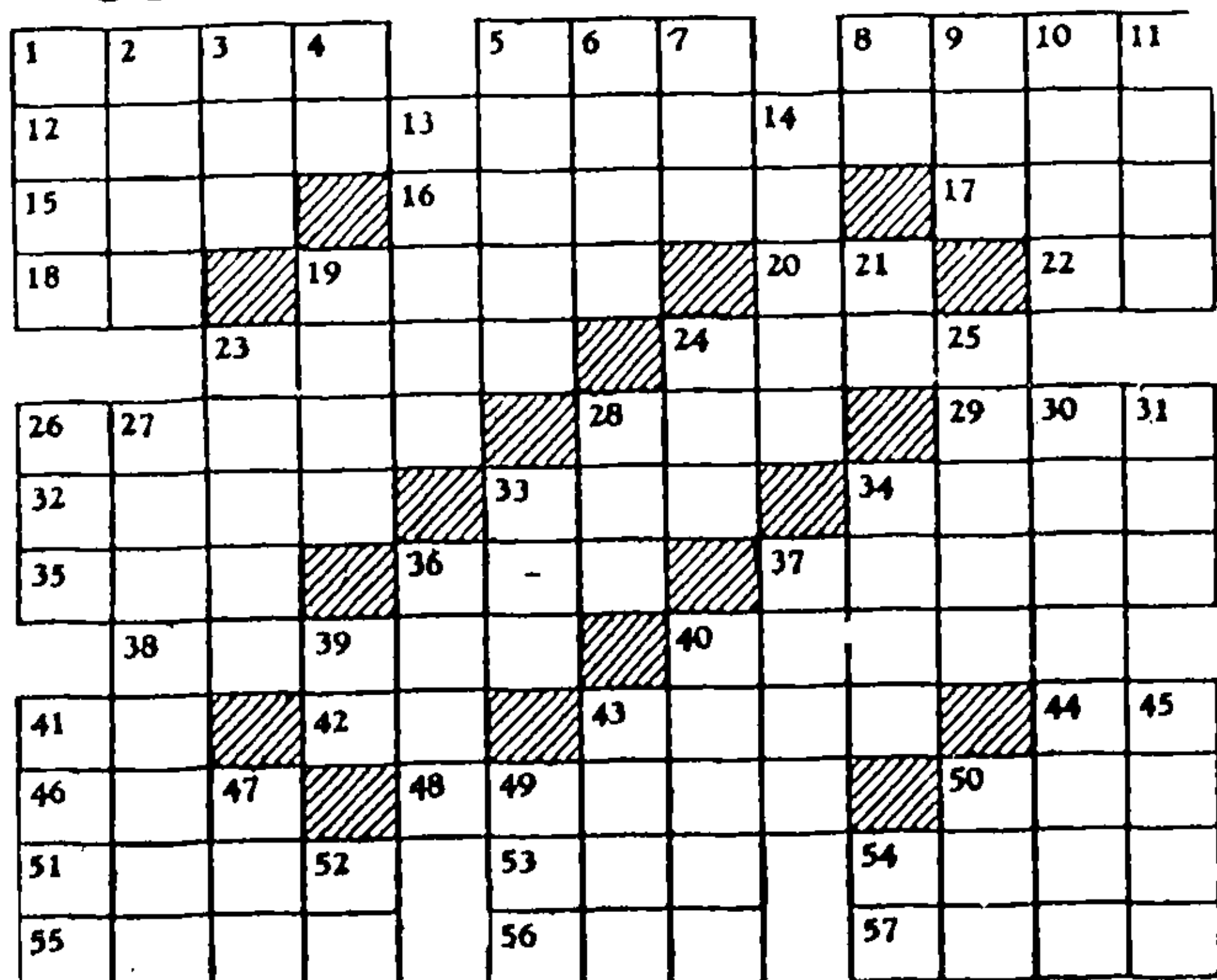
One pilot relates that on a night of shifting cloud recently he saw what he thought was the flicker of an enemy exhaust. He gave chase, the light winking and vanishing ahead of him. Just as he fancied he was coming within range a wider gap in the clouds revealed the light as that of a rising star. A disgusted airman swung round and came back home to breakfast.

PENNY A HEAD—FOR ENEMY AIRCRAFT

A Chelmsford Road car company has decided to give to Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund one penny for each enemy aircraft destroyed.

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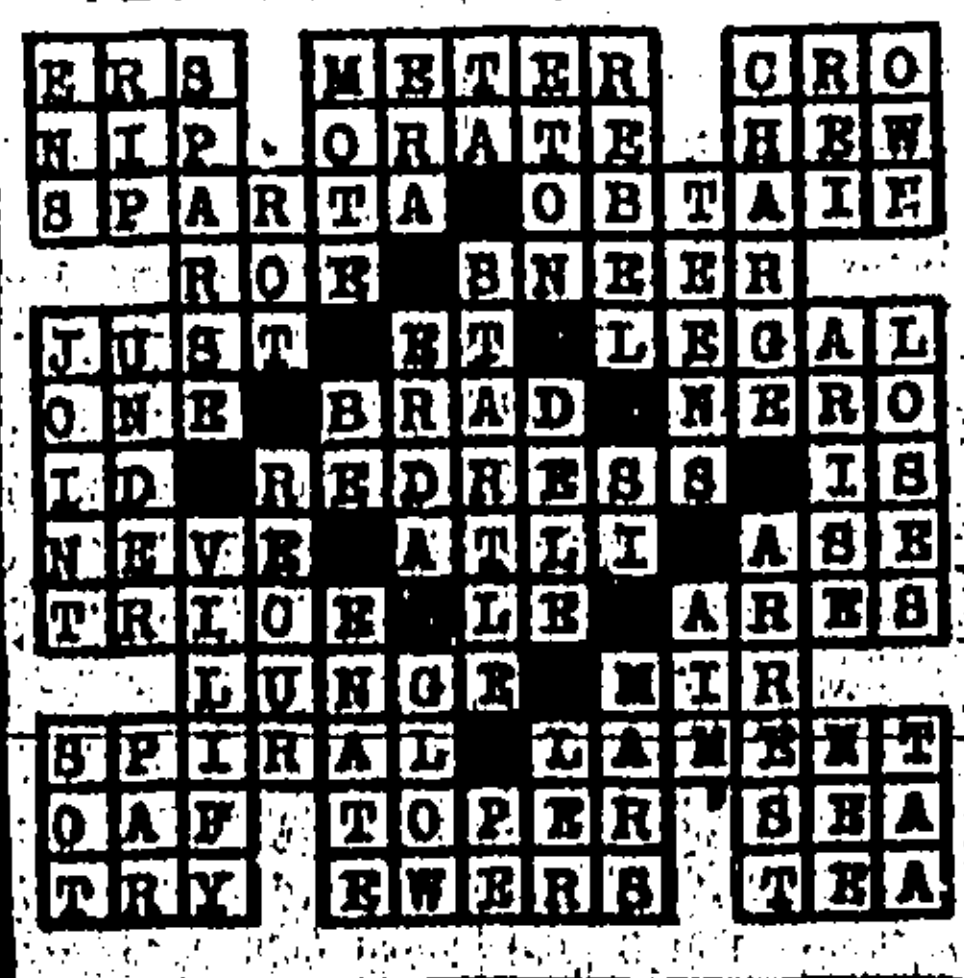
- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Discount
 - 5 Man's name
 - 8 Novel by Zola
 - 12 Listless
 - 15 Cravat
 - 16 Coquette
 - 17 Poetic: it is
 - 18 Preposition
 - 19 Solar disc
 - 20 Hawaiian bird
 - 22 See!
 - 23 Always
 - 24 State of affairs
 - 26 Mexican gentleman
 - 28 To place
 - 29 To imitate
 - 32 To conspire
 - 33 Name of a wheel
 - 34 Among
 - 35 Isle
 - 36 Craze
 - 37 Composed
 - 38 Poetic: cold
 - 40 Mountain in Arabia
 - 41 Prefix: two
 - 42 Teutonic deity
 - 43 Mexican coin
 - 44 French article

- 46 To recede
- 48 Northeastern state
- 50 Pen-point
- 51 Fibre plant
- 53 Law: things
- 54 Bacteriologist's wire
- 55 Topic
- 56 Before
- 57 For fear that

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Feminine singing voice
 - 2 Profit
 - 3 Frozen water
 - 4 Colloquial: fine
 - 5 Lazy person
 - 6 Precipitation
 - 7 Atmosphere
 - 8 Symbol for nickel
 - 9 To behave

- 10 To fasten
- 11 Besides
- 13 Following
- 14 Ermine
- 18 River in England
- 21 Bone
- 23 Growing out
- 24 English slang: inn
- 25 Group of islands in the Pacific
- 26 Resort
- 27 Worthy of acceptance
- 28 Seed covering
- 30 Without mercy
- 31 Holland, commune
- 33 Owned
- 34 Italian river
- 36 Secure
- 37 Learned
- 39 French article
- 40 To feel
- 41 To defeat
- 43 Wharf
- 45 To aid
- 47 Rectangular container
- 49 Part of "to be"
- 50 By birth
- 52 Latin conjunction
- 54 Symbol for oleum

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



HE BUILT A REFUGE—THREE DIE

Father of nine children, Mr. Leonard John West, thirty-three-year-old labourer, worked for months to build an air raid shelter in the garden of his cottage home, The Willows, Fleet End, Warsash, Hants.

The shelter which was to have been a refuge for his large family has proved a death chamber for three of his children.

They were suffocated by fumes from a coke brazier put in the shelter to dry it out. The other three children were rescued unconscious.

Victims of the trouble tragedy were Dorothy Elizabeth (eight), Leonard Raymond (three), and Thirza Mary (two).

While her children were breathing the death fumes in the shelter, Mrs. West was lying in bed in the cottage with her fortnight-old baby.

The father told the "Daily Mirror" his practice was to place the brazier in the shelter during the day and take it out at night.

"Last night I was busy writing a letter when the children asked to go to bed," he said. "I quite forgot about the brazier. John, my eldest boy, who is thirteen, offered to put the younger children to bed. He was assisted by Pamela, who is twelve. They both returned to the cottage."

SEAMAN AS A FILM STAR

(By A Special Correspondent)

Just as Robert Newton, British actor, made what promises to be a sensational hit in "Major Barbara," £200,000 version of Bernard Shaw's play—a performance which should ensure him fame and fortune on the screen—he was called up for service in the Navy.

In the uniform of an ordinary seaman, he attended the private showing of his picture.

Certainly his performance as a bullying down-and-out who goes into a Salvation Army shelter in search of his reformed girl and comes under the influence of the soul-saving Major Barbara is one of the greatest Cockney character studies I have yet seen on the screen. Wendy Hiller plays the title role.

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SCIENCE PUTTING BACTERIA ON THE SPOT

(By A Scientific Correspondent)

THE OFFICIAL NEWS that "other devices" are responsible for the downfall of German aircraft is evidence that our scientists are applying their skill and knowledge to the problems of offence and defence.

In war time, science, as a whole, necessarily devotes its attention to such problems, many of which, however, will have lasting application in peace time as, for example, the disinfection of air-raid shelters.

Intensive work on the problem of slaughtering harmful airborne bacteria in shelters has resulted in useful knowledge of the correct size of particle in the "mist" or "spray" of disinfectant used. Large scale experiments have been made at Marble Arch and Bond Street Tube Stations.

100 Per Cent. Lethal

Different disinfectants need different sizes of particle to be fully effective and much of the hand spraying at present carried out is probably ineffective because of the incorrect size of the particles formed in the spray.

These experiments have also shown that "smokes" produced by smouldering materials are highly lethal to some bacteria, but, unfortunately, the smokes formed by resins, cotton and wood, etc., are irritant to humans.

It is interesting to note that incense smoke is 100 per cent. lethal to certain bacteria within 30 minutes when 1 gram (approximately 1-30th oz.) is smouldered in 120 million litres of air.

Another shelter problem successfully solved is that of combating lice and other parasites which thrive under the prevailing conditions.

What was needed was something to apply to head or clothing which would kill lice and yet remain active for some time. The result of experiments is a fine powder called A.L. 63, the formula of which is at present secret.

Rubbed into clothing, this powder is difficult to shake off and lice die on it. The powder remains active for about a week.

Shirts Lice-Proof

Other scientists have produced a liquid insecticide (again the formula is secret) which is so effective that, applied to a shirt, it renders it lice-proof for about a month.

It is much better, of course, for people to change and wash their clothing frequently than to use insecticides, but shelter life makes this difficult for many.

Scientists, however, are not entirely occupied with war-like experiments. It is well known that iron and steel are used to reinforce concrete, but not so well known that glass can be used for the same purpose. Experiments have given interesting results on this, and further work promises well.

It looks as though good use might be made of the tons of broken glass occasioned by the blitz!

Not less important is the discovery that certain animal extracts contain substances which increase the permeability of some of the layers of the skin to injected fluids.

Skin Ailments

One of the problems of treating skin ailments is to obtain permeability. Recent work has shown that these extracts possess the property of invading much larger areas of skin.

Known as diffusing factors or spreading factors, substances with similar properties have been found in snake venom, leech extracts and malignant tumours.

The spreading action is attributed to what is known as mucinase. The importance of this work, steadily prosecuted even in war time, is obvious and a credit to British science.

R.A.F. WILL LEAD OUR INVASION

Britain will have new fighters and bombers in quantities which will give us such command of enemy coasts that our Navy and Army will be able to land and carry the war into the enemy country.

That is the opinion of Mr. O. G. Grey, aviation expert, who, with Mr. Leonard Bridgman, edits the 1940 edition of "Jane's All the World's Aircraft," published recently.

Mr. Grey tells of "misfortunes" which beset the R.A.F. in the early days of the war.

During the famous Brunstetel raid Blenheim came so low that one at least was blown up by the bombs of the machine ahead.

Wellingtons, sent to raid the Heligoland Bight, had not been fitted with four-gun Frazer-Nash turrets and suffered heavy losses when they were attacked.

A small force of Hampdens, inadequately armed, was sent into the Bight. They wirelessed that they were being attacked by fighters. None of them returned.

They Went Back

The Hampdens were grounded until more guns with a better system of mounting were fitted.

"Luckily," writes Mr. Grey, "these misfortunes happened to the Bomber Command in the early days."

"By the time war really broke out, just before the middle of May, we had developed the most powerfully equipped bomber force."

Mr. Grey also discloses that early in the retreat from France, R.A.F. pilots of the advanced air striking force were ordered to embark in liners and troop carriers.

The planes, mostly fighters, which the pilots should have flown back themselves, were left on the ground.

Several days later small detachments of pilots and mechanics were flown from England. Several of the machines were put in order. The pilots flew them back.

NEW ZEALAND NEWS LEAK "NAZI BLUFF"

German surface raiders which sank many ships in the South Pacific last year had no secret information from New Zealand.

Their commanders were only bluffing when they claimed to have prior knowledge of shipping movements and were merely exercising a taste for melodrama.

These are the findings announced in Wellington, New Zealand, recently of a commission of inquiry into the sinking of British vessels late last year. — British United Press.

GIVEN WRONG COAT

Mrs. Noreen Harbord, twenty-six-year-old society woman, of Harrington - gardens, Kensington, S.W., was acquitted at Bow Street Police Court recently on a charge of stealing a fur coat worth £100 from the Hungaria Restaurant, London, W.

It was stated that she had been given the wrong coat by a cloakroom attendant and, discharging her, the magistrate said the evidence did not quite satisfy him that she knew she had another person's coat.

BEER IN A HOSPITAL

It was a shock for the all-women staff of the South London Women's Hospital when they learned that for the first time in the history of this voluntary hospital, men patients were to be admitted.

It was a surprise, too, for the men, some of them air raid casualties. But now the male patients are so happy that some of them want to stay for the duration.

The women doctors, nurses and rest of the staff soon adapted themselves to the sudden change. A special ward—away from the women's and children's wards—was set up.

Beer With Lunch

And the matron, determined to make the men comfortable in strange surroundings, arranged for them to have beer with their lunch.

The men have great faith in the staff. One man on whom a woman surgeon operated to remove a bomb fragment said: "You've done a wonderful job, doctor."

The patients play darts or billiards with the nurses when they are off duty.

One man told me: "I've been in four hospitals but never struck one like this. Everyone is wonderfully kind."



Law Ayres would probably win any general poll as to the country's best-liked doctor. He is carrying on his popular characterisation of Dr. Kildare in the new M-G-M release, "The People vs. Dr. Kildare."

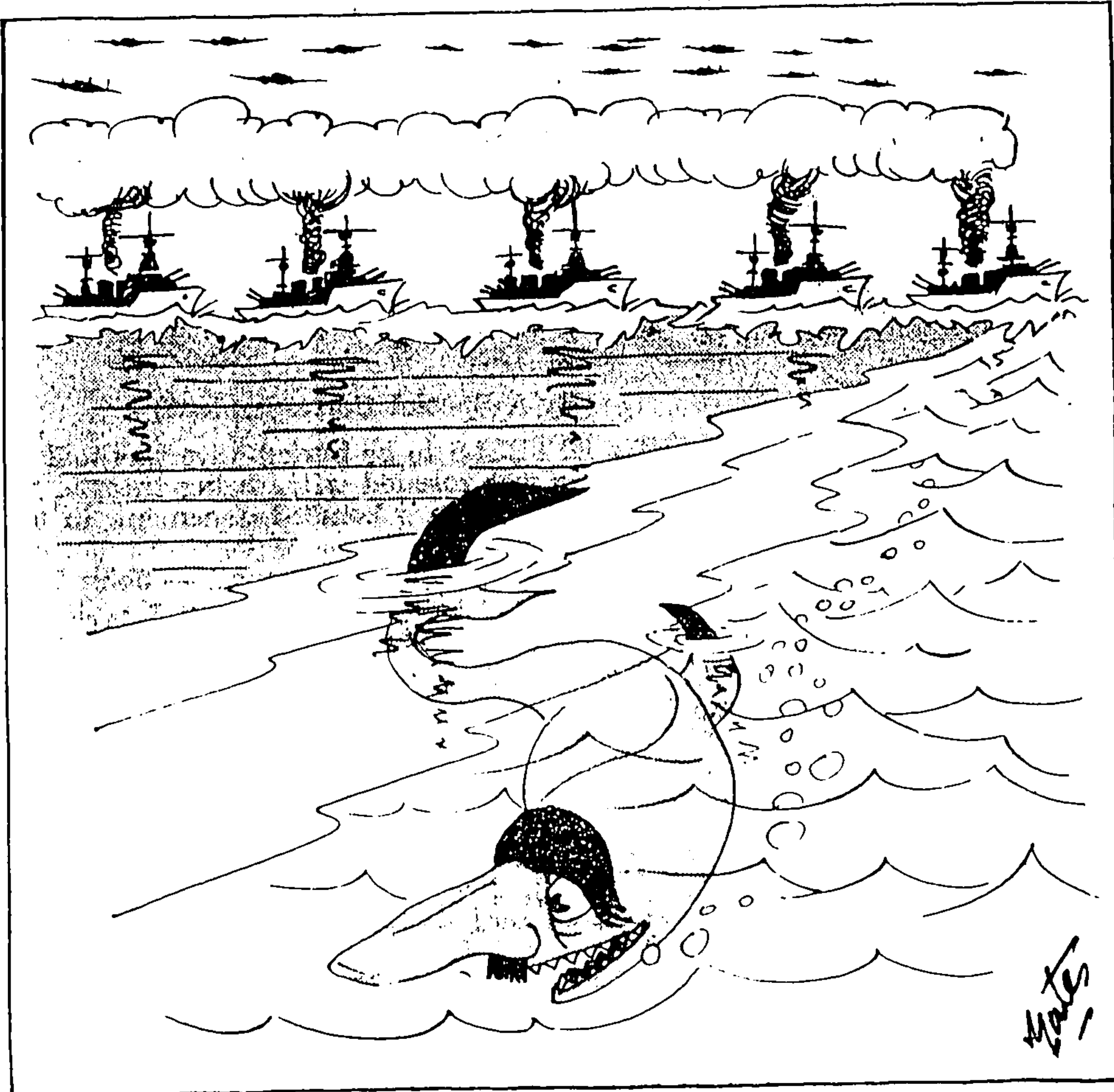


HIMMLER IN NORWAY

Major Vidkun Quisling, regarded as a traitor by the great mass of Norwegians, is finding out that as a Nazi agent he has not been sufficiently tough. His fellow-countrymen scorned his edicts as Hitler's Gauleiter in Oslo, ignored his propaganda efforts and booed his public meetings. He had to appeal to Berlin for help. In response they sent Himmler to show him how to operate. Information from western Norway getting out through Stockholm now tells of terror exceeding anything previously experienced throughout that region; of man hunts to seize actual and potential opponents and of an increasing number of suicides. Such are Himmler's methods and the results they bring.

Throughout Germany since Hitler came to power, and throughout the countries overswept by nazism since, there are countless gravestones as testimony to the ruthlessness of Heinrich Himmler. He is an epitome of the brutality which has disgraced the party movement from the beginning. He originated the Nazi torture chambers. He dotted the Reich with concentration camps. With every Nazi excess his influence has grown, so that in certain eventualities he may become the most powerful man in Germany. He commands all the police and the black-uniformed Schutzstaffel regiments, which rank on an equality with the army. Most sinister of all, he heads the Gestapo, the secret police feared by great and small.

When Austria fell, Himmler's Gestapo arrived alongside of, and in some cases even ahead of, the invading troops. Since then, the Gestapo has moved into Poland, Belgium and the Netherlands. Now it is Norway's turn. Application of the Himmler methods will not be easy in a country of widely dispersed villages, poor communications and imbued with a wholesome hatred of spies and spying. But the efficiency of the Gestapo machine is undeniable. Its progress in Norway is being marked by a new trail of blood and suffering.



THE MENACE

British Stage Shares War Effort

By Clifford Webb

When the blitz cracked down on London's night life and sent the stoppers-out to shelters instead of stalls, a number of the best-known West-End theatrical companies packed up and went out into the provinces on tour.

They made what appeared to be a wise move.

After all, it was no good even the bravest playing to empty houses. While London was the target the provincial cities staged a minor theatrical boom.

Before long the blitz shifted and spread. One night it was the turn of Cardiff, busily-humming commercial city of South Wales, to hear the sirens. There was still half an hour to go before the evening performance was due to begin, but already the local theatre was half-filled.

When the anti-aircraft guns started to thump the customers exchanged anxious glances.

As it turned out there was little they could do. The man on the door came in with the news that incendiaries were showering. Already there was a ring of fire around the theatre. Safer for everybody to stay put.

Behind the curtain the company had already decided to carry on with the show. Two of the actors, presumably cut off by the fires had not turned up. Understudies were pressed into service.

There was a feverish five-minute rehearsal, while bombs and guns pounded away. The curtain went up to the feeble applause of a fearful, yet far from panic-stricken audience.

Now let Leslie Banks, star of the show, and British soldier in the last War take up the story.

"The first 20 minutes was a jumble. The fact that we had two understudies making their debut under fire, not at all sure of their parts and quite naturally a bit jumpy kept the minds of the rest of the company from thinking about the probability of a bomb hit on the theatre.

"Slowly we were winning the confidence of the audience, but things looked pretty grim when a couple of high explosives fell near enough to rock the theatre on its foundations.

"Then there occurred one of those happy coincidences. Just as a particularly big wallop sounded I had to say, 'Well, I think I'd better be going now.'

A Grand Giggle

"Somebody out in front giggled. Then everybody laughed. I think the company would have gone on while the theatre burned after that. It was a grand giggle.

"And it couldn't have happened at a better time. The next bomb was the nearest. The big outer doors of the theatre through which the scenery is taken blew in with a crash. Every door on the set was flung violently open. The scenery shook like leaves in the wind.

"Wonder of wonders. My line to coincide with this was 'Don't worry about that now, I'll clear it up in the morning.'

"The tension definitely broke at that. Everybody roared. The audience cheered almost every word in the show from then on. It was more like a gala night."

Actors and audience finally got out near midnight. There was no show the next day, while repairs to the theatre were put in hand, but on the following day the company played to a bumper matinee audience.

Before the end of the week, despite further raids, the business was as good as it had ever been.

Acting in the blitz certainly has its moments in Britain. But fortunately most of the theatres which have been badly damaged have been hit while they were empty.

The blitz hardly ever shuts a show. Stage folk have found that one wisecrack is worth any amount of speeches from serious-faced managers. The spirit of George Robey, who calmed a badly frightened audience in London during the last War by rolling his eyes upwards and murmuring "shur-rup" as a zeppelin bomb fell too close for comfort, still lives behind the footlights.

Quite a crowd of British actors and actresses have actually courted danger and acute discomfort by enrolling with the Entertainment National Service Association (ENSA), the organisation responsible for carrying the theatre to Army and Air Force camps, to Naval barracks and to arms and munitions factories.

The experiences of these hitherto soft-living, pampered idols of the fans form a worth-while chapter for inclusion in any modern history of the theatre.

Concert Parties Gunned

They drive hundreds of miles in black-out conditions during the

depths of a hard winter to stage shows bang in the middle of red-hot Army targets.

Sing-song parties have been machine-gunned along the roads and forced to crawl under their wagons for shelter. When the raiders have passed they have gone on to play in front of bullet-ridden scenery in crude hut-theatres but before audiences of troops who have loved every minute of the show.

One party stopped when a low-flying aeroplane appeared to be about to land, thinking the pilot might be a Britisher in need of assistance. As soon as they were spotted, however, they were fired on.

They hopped back into their car and made for the nearest police station.

Their directions helped the police and military authorities to capture the crew of a disabled German bomber which had been eventually forced to land a few miles away.

They frequently dress in tents, by candle light, in stables, cowsheds, or any place that is handy.

Some of the ENSA artists playing to the fighting services in Britain now, underwent their baptism of fire in France during the terrible winter that preceded the German "push."

They played, over there, in chapels, churches, bakeries and even in country inns. But even France had nothing quite so grim to offer as dressing accommodation as the building recently turned over to an ENSA party "Somewhere in England." The building was a mortuary!

A stage comprising boards precariously perched on barrels is no isolated experience.

A girl from one company which recently put over a show on a crude stage of this kind said afterwards, "It was a bit hard on the tap-dancer, but we go through O.K. If anybody had played, 'Roll out the Barrel,' I think I should have screamed."

Billets for which advance arrangements can be made are not always easy to find. Frequently it is necessary to make long night tramps looking for accommodation, which may be reduced to one small room for five girls.

One party found that the only available place in which to stay for the few days during which their show was scheduled to run was a small room in the tiny cottage of an old lady who lived alone.

During the first night the old lady was taken ill. So, for the whole period the artists took it on themselves to nurse her and to look after themselves. This, in spite of the fact that all the water had to be carried from a well some distance away.

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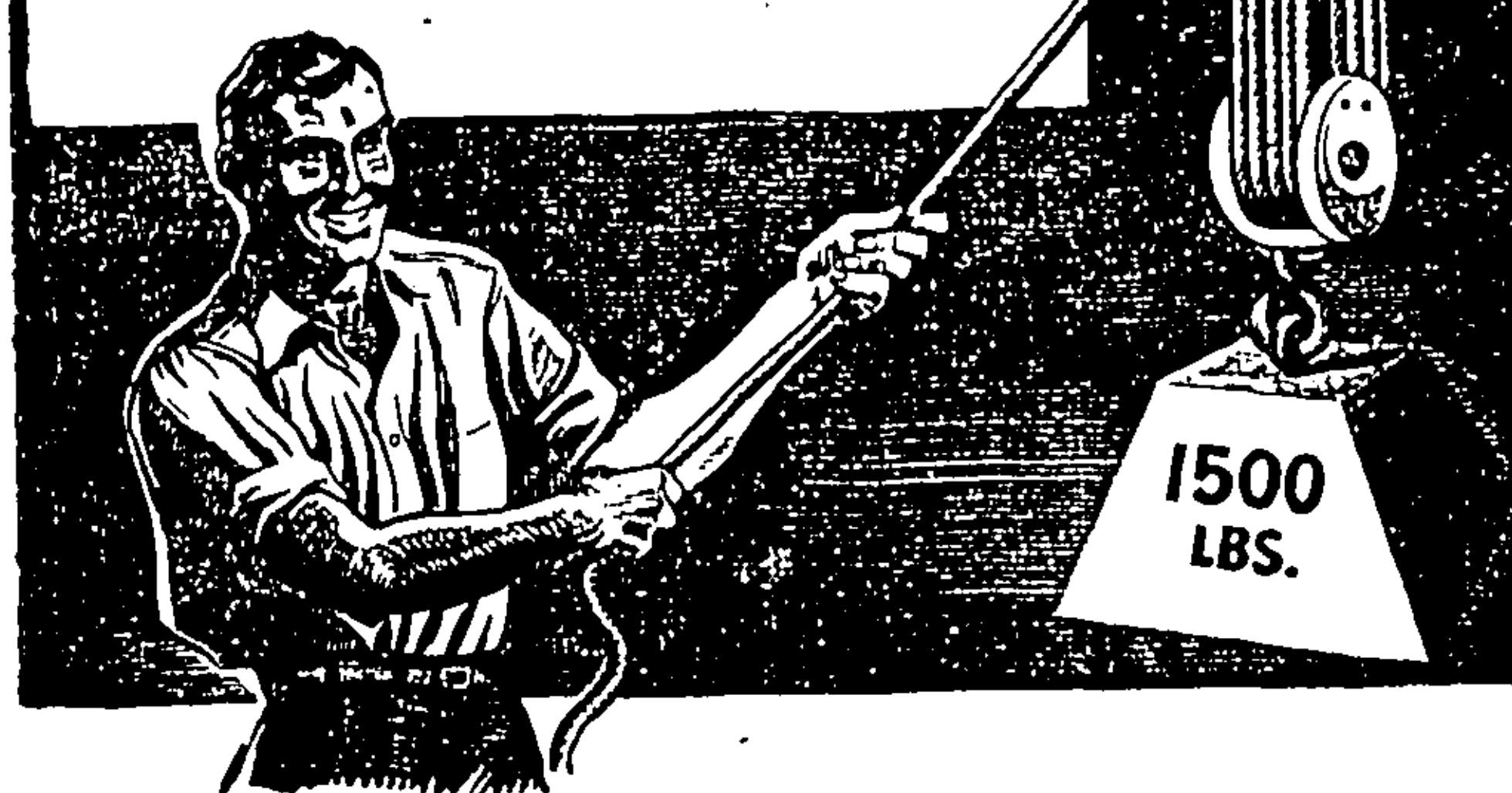
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**BURIED EIGHT
DAYS, "I MADE
BEST OF IT"**

(By A Special Correspondent)

HOW IT FEELS to be buried alive was told by the man who was rescued after being trapped for eight days in bed in a bombed tenement in the Glasgow area.

"I'm feeling fine now," the man — John Cormack, aged twenty-two, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cormack, of Dagenham — told me in Glasgow Western Infirmary.

Day and night were all the same to him as he lay wrapped in blankets like a mummy. Deciding "to make the best of the situation," he kept his eyes shut all the time.

"A crash almost threw me out of bed," said Cormack. "I found my head was trapped by a wooden beam lying across the room."

"I could move my arms, but not my legs, which were wrapped in bedclothes like a mummy."

"I was relieved to find that I had not been hurt. Although my throat was choked with dust and I was conscious of a smell of gas, I felt there was no immediate danger."

Helpless

"It was dark all around me. When I realised I was helpless I just decided to make the best of the situation."

"I felt no pain, I did not feel thirsty or hungry."

"I could hear people in the building calling for help and I recognised the voice of Constable Clark, a fellowlodger, complaining that something was jamming his legs."

"I must have fallen asleep after that, I do not know when I awakened but night and day were all the same to me now. I just kept my eyes shut all the time."

"Must Be Patient"

"I remember Clark calling out 'Do you hear the sirens again?' That meant that that conversation — my first and last — was on the night after we were bombed."

"My mind adjusted itself to this way of thinking: 'I am going to be saved. I must have patience.'"

"I am sorry Constable Clark did not share my good luck."

Clark died soon after being rescued. He had been entombed for seven and a half days.

Cormack, ship's plumber, was working with a Clydeside ship-building firm.

**SAYS MEN
HAVE 'TURK
COMPLEX'**

Much opposition to family allowances was due to the "Turk" complex among men, said Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., in London recently.

"The man who is really a tyrant," she said, "rejoices in the tremendous control which the holding of the purse strings gives him."

"The man who is not a tyrant likes to picture himself with a wife and children clinging to him as the giver of all good things."

Miss Rathbone said that she favoured a State-supported flat rate allowances scheme of 5s. or 6s. a week for all children under fifteen. If this were not possible she would welcome a scheme for allowances which began with the second child.

"And we ought to fight like tigers to get these allowances paid to the mother," she added.

Miss Rathbone said that a State scheme of 5s. per child for all under fifteen would cost £122,000,000 a year, or £118,000,000 after allowing for all existing allowances.

**VICAR'S LOVE
ADVICE TO
WAR BRIDES**

"An exceptionally large number of young people are being married at the present time and for the great majority of these birth prevention will begin with the first night of marriage," states the Rev. Geoffrey H. T. Pedley, Vicar of St. Thomas's, Coventry.

"One cannot but deplore so widespread and radical an interference with nature which, if persisted in, could scarcely conduce to human happiness and well-being."

"It is surely obvious that nature's intention is to lead to parenthood."

"What I am pleading for is that when more normal times return there should be a return also to a more normal and natural way of living. I am certain that the real cause of the trouble lies in our present social and economic conditions."

**MAIN BATTLE WILL
BE IN AIR**

The main battle, whatever happened, must be fought in the air, said the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Lang, when he referred in a sermon at Hawkinge parish church, near Folkestone, to the possibility of invasion. The Air Force knew this and would be ready.

"Be ye also ready," said the Archbishop, giving Britain's civil population the watchword, "at this fateful time in our history."

"Our enemy is making great preparations across the narrow seas, just as 137 years ago our forefathers watched the preparations of the great Napoleon," he continued.

"We know not when or whence the attack may come, but what is certain is that, if it ever comes, it is on the coasts of Kent that we must bear one of the fiercest brunts of the assault."

**TWO OF THE
LUCKIEST
MEN**

Two of the luckiest men in the world . . . Here are their stories.

A CITIZEN OF CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, decided after spending the night in a local pub that he needed some sleep. Some time later he was found by a cruising patrol on the railroad track. He was still asleep, with his shoe neatly clipped up close to the toe-nail.

Police said an engine had sliced the shoe away from his toe — and left him sleeping.

Gust of Wind

Caught by a sudden gust of wind, John Barrett fell from an eleven-storey building in New York, while raising a flag.

**ENGINEERING
— BY COLOUR**

Matching colours is more in a woman's line than choosing a drill to bore a hole of a given size.

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**SHELTER
SHUFFLE****WHEN WORKMEN ARRIVED WITH MATERIALS TO BUILD A SURFACE AIR-RAID SHELTER IN SAYER STREET, WALWORTH, LONDON, S.E., RESIDENTS RAISED THEIR EYEBROWS.**

After all, they had shelters at the back of their tenement homes. There was more than enough room for everybody. Then eyebrows went a little higher, for laying the concrete foundation of the shelter the workmen dug it up, and started to relay it round the corner in Lion Street — less than twenty yards away.

Explanation. — "At the last minute," said an official of Southwark Borough Council, "the Traffic Controller decided that Sayer Street must be kept free from obstruction in case of bomb damage at the Elephant and Castle. Yes, it is a pity they didn't decide earlier. This is the first time that we have slipped up."

Workman's comment. — "Good job they decided to move the shelter before the concrete had set."

Ratepayer's grouse. — "There's no need for the shelter, anyway."

NAVY RING BURIED 19 YEARS IN YANGTZE RIVER

(By BESSIE HACKETT)

ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO a young ensign, fresh out of Annapolis, lost his class ring while serving his first tour of duty in China. He searched, but when he sailed back to the United States, his ring was still "somewhere in China."

To-day that ring is on its way back to its owner, Lieut. Comdr. Donald Francis Smith, commandant of Floyd Bennett airport in New York. The ring arrived in Manila recently in the possession of Lieutenant (jg) William J. Lederer Jr., who rescued it from a Chinese who claimed to have fished it out of the Yangtze river, where it had apparently lain for about 19 years.

Last December this Chinese was visited by an officer when his coal barge sank in the rapids of the Yangtze river. Dredging to recover his lost cargo, the Chinese pined in one load of coal and sand a glittering object which he recognized as a navy ring. He took the ring to the cook of the USS Tanager, anchored on the Yangtze river at Chungking, and suggested that perhaps one of the officers would care to buy it. Approached by the cook, Lieutenant Lederer recovered the ring by paying the Chinese approximately ten dollars gold.

Despite the years it has been knocked around in China or been buried in the silt of the Yangtze river, the ring is in good condition. Set with a translucent, sea-green stone, the engraving is clear and identifies it as belonging to the class of 1921. Inside is etched "Donald Francis Smith, United States Navy."

Odd Coincidence

Lieutenant Lederer has communicated with Lieut. Comdr. Smith and will deliver the ring to him in New York when he reports for duty to his new station in Kearney, New Jersey, in July.

An odd coincidence is the fact Lieutenant Lederer lost his own class ring while on duty in Chungking this past year.

'TOTAL NEW ORDER' CALLED NAZI AIM

The semi-official commentary Dienst am Deutschland discussing what it called British reports that Germany has certain obscure designs concerning Spain, Portugal, and Turkey, coined the phrase "The new unified European order is indivisible."

The commentary said the war had started as internal differences between Poland and Germany, but had grown into "a war for a total European new order," and added:

"Unification of the continent as the most important fruit of the war must, according to the German conviction be total, and (something) from which no land can hold aloof."

"All countries of the continent, including those which stand indecisively between the fronts, in this respect face fundamental decisions."—Associated Press.



Ruth Hussey, rising M-G-M featured player, has just been picked by University of Michigan alumni as their "ideal girl." Miss Hussey is from Providence, R. I., and her outstanding 1940 role of the past year was in "The Philadelphia Story."

ISLAND TAKES FIVE HUNS

While Devon fishermen and their families looked on, five German airmen were landed from a naval patrol vessel on the little stone quay at Appledore and taken away to be interned.

They had been captured by the handful of people—eight or nine men and their wives and two land girls—who form the population of Lundy Island, in the Bristol Channel. Their bomber crashed there after being shot down.

The plane, a Heinkel 111 twin-engine bomber, was burnt to scrap. The crew escaped injury, but though armed, they had no flight left in them when the islanders went out in a body to round them up.

"They seemed terribly frightened about what we would do to them," an islander said. "We gave them food and kept them in a barn until the naval vessel arrived."

HE GIVES G.M. TO HIS MEN

A former deputy-chief A.R.P. warden, awarded the George Medal for rescuing people from wrecked buildings and for dangerous work in bomb disposal, has given it to the men who manned his post.

He is Philip D. Whitting, of Hammersmith, W., now a pilot officer in the R.A.F.

"It belongs to them as much as it does to me," he says.

The medal is to be framed and exhibited in turn at all the A.R.P. posts in the Hammersmith district. This will be inscribed in the frame:

"This medal, awarded to a Hammersmith warden, is a tribute to the splendid spirit and unselfish cooperation displayed by members of all A.R.P. services."

"It belongs to all of you who worked day in, day out, for the safety of the borough."

DIED WITH BLITZ VICTIM IN ARMS

An A.F.S. man was found in a wreckage-filled room with his arms round the woman he had climbed in to save.

He had been killed as he was carrying her through the door way to safety.

That story lies behind the formal announcement that the King has commended Auxiliary Fireman W. G. Perry

B.B.C. WAIVE WEDDING BAR

The B.B.C. marriage "bar" to women members of their staff has been waived for the duration.

Before the war, members of the staff wishing to marry had to obtain permission. Cases were considered by a board and if applicants had key positions, and it was considered their domestic life would not interfere with their jobs, permission was granted.

Now that the "bar" has been lifted, a large number of B.B.C. girls have married, and some already married are being taken on.

NEW-TYPE CARRIER AHOPE FOR BRITAIN

The U.S. Navy's experiment in converting a standard cargo vessel into an aircraft carrier was viewed by unofficial observers as a possible future boon to Britain's raid-menaced shipping.

If the new carrier proved successful, it was suggested, Great Britain might receive a number of these craft to carry fighter planes, which could combat German bombers preying on North Atlantic shipping.

Pursuit planes operating from such a carrier also might locate German submarines and attack them with depth charges.

Experimental Carrier

The U.S. Navy recently disclosed that the 7,886-ton Mormacmail was being converted at Newport News, Va., into an experimental carrier, but officials of the department declined to discuss possible expansion of the conversion programme. In other quarters, however, there were reports that from 16 to 30 such carriers might be developed.

The Navy acquired the Mormacmail from the Mormack Lines at a cost of nearly \$3,000,000. It is one of the Maritime Commission's standard C-3 type vessels.

One valuable feature was said to lie in the speed—about forty-five days—with which C-3 type ships could be turned into carriers. Involved in construction of a flight deck with a clearance of about the original deck, which would be transformed into a storage and service deck with connecting ramps. Moving of the bridge and stacks and installing of ballast to stabilise the vessel is also required.

Each carrier could carry about thirty fighter planes.—Associated Press.

of Bristol, for his services. People standing round a blazing house told Perry a woman was trapped inside. He smashed a window on the ground floor and climbed through.

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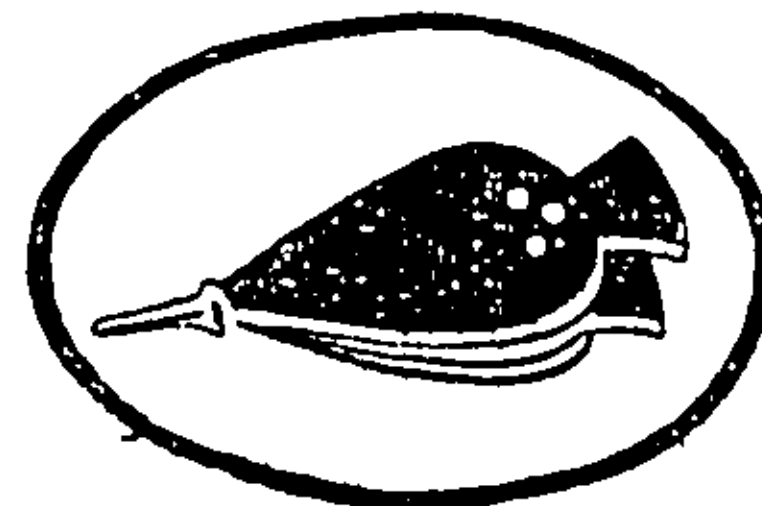
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 3rd July to the 24th July inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 14th May, 1941.

GROUSE?---
TELL THE
PRIVATE

If the British Army has "any complaints" in future, it knows where it can address them. Not any longer to the orderly officer, but to the private whom it has appointed to the messing committee.

An Army Order just issued brings into being men's messing committees for every unit in the Army and establishes nationally a scheme which has operated with great success in individual regiments for some time.

Each week a private from each company of the unit will meet under the chairmanship of the second-in-command to discuss food.

The past week's meals will be earnestly debated, the coming week's menus planned with an eye to the budget, the market and the men's fads and fancies.

One other man will attend these meetings—the cook-sergeant.

Individuals reluctant to voice complaints to an officer will have no hesitation in letting their fellow-private know what they think of the food.

He can pass on their suggestions and likes and dislikes without giving the impression that he is a grouser.

Compliments and complaints will go further than the second-in-command, for the Order requires that minutes shall be kept for production to catering advisers when they are visiting units.

TRAPPED
DOG LIVES
14 DAYS

WORMING HIS WAY THROUGH THE WRECKAGE OF HIS BOMBED HOME IN BRISTOL, EX-SERVICEMAN NELSON WOODHAMS FED WITH EGG AND BRANDY HIS PET TERRIER WHICH HAD BEEN TRAPPED THERE FOR FOURTEEN DAYS.

Meanwhile, men from a demolition squad toiled for hours to release the dog, which was pinned in the cellar with a beam across its back.

As Mr. Woodhams entered his temporary home, he called out tenderly, "It's all right, chum. Father's here," and, whimpering with excitement, Prince, his black terrier, staggered into his arms.

The dog has created a record for, according to a P.D.S.A. official, until now the maximum time a dog has been known to live without water is eleven days.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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BRIDGE
NOTES

A GOOD DOUBLE

By The Four Aces

South was as much astonished as downcast at what happened to his not unreasonable bid. With as much high-card strength as the enemy, and playing at a trump of his own choice he could win only four out of the thirteen tricks!

West, Dealer	North-South vulnerable
NORTH	EAST
♠ K 7 3	♠ A Q J 6
♥ Q 9 8 4	♥ A J 10 6
♦ 8 3	♦ 6 2
♣ A 7 6 3	♣ J 10 9
WEST	SOUTH
♠ 10 8 4	♠ 9 6 2
♥ K 5 2	♥ 7 3
♦ Q 10 7 4	♦ A K J 9 5
♣ K 8 4	♣ 5 2

The bidding:				
West	North	East	South	
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	
1NT	Pass	Pass	2 ♦	
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass	

West's double was a very fine one. He knew that East held

a near-minimum opening bid; but with such excellent diamonds behind a player who apparently feared to bid on the first round, he thought he could collect a penalty.

The play proved him a good prophet. West opened the ten of spades, and the defenders rattled off three tricks in that suit. East then led the Jack of Clubs, South played the Queen, and West's King forced out dummy's Ace.

A heart was returned from dummy, and East's ten held. East led a trump, and South took his Ace. South led his other heart, hoping to ruff later rounds of hearts with his small trumps. But East took the heart and led another trump through.

South finessed the Diamond Jack, and west took the Queen and returned a club. East took his two club tricks and led the last spade. When the smoke cleared, South was down four tricks for a penalty of 1100 points!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 9 3 2	♠ 8 4
♥ 8 4	♥ J 9 5 3 2
♦ 9 6	♦ 9 6

The bidding:				
Behenken	Jacoby	Maier	You	
1NT	Dbl.	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. Your hand is too weak to "stand" for the double of one no-trump, so you must bid your longest suit as a rescue. There is no need to bid the major rather than the minor suit, since a double of one no-trump does not anticipate a takeout and is therefore not necessarily best prepared for a major suit.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 20% for one spade, 10% for pass.

Question No. 734

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 9 3 2	♠ Q 5
♥ Q 5	♥ J 9 3 2
♦ J 6 3 2	♦ J 6 3 2

The bidding:			
Schenken	Maier	Jacoby	You
INT	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

"NAVY JACK"
GOT TWO
GERMANS

While the countryside was lit up by the red glow of a blazing German bomber shot down in a raid on Bristol, John Palmer, fifty-seven-year-old cabinet-maker, spotted two parachutes falling.

He ran across fields, found two Germans, and seized their revolver. Then he took them in charge. Mr. Palmer is called Navy Jack, because he is reputed for and wins as the toughest man in his native village.

He had no gun with which to challenge the Germans, but that didn't worry him at all, he told a reporter recently.

Heaven Help Them

"Heaven help any of these blighters if they try anything on with me," he said. "I had been out firewatching, and was just having a cup of cocoa when the boys came rushing in to tell me parachutists were coming down.

"I led a party on to the moors to look for them. I got separated from the others because I jumped a big ditch that was too much for some of the young ones.

"I heard two Jerries talking under a hedge, so I put my hand in my coat pocket and walked right up to them pointing my finger through my coat. 'Hands up,' I shouted, prodding them in the ribs with my fingers.

"I searched them and found they had one revolver between them, so I borrowed it.

"Then a young Home Guard and some other men came up to help me."

IN FULL KIT,
SAVED BOY

Dressed in full Home Guard uniform, with his gas mask, steel helmet and pack, George Hardy, age forty-seven, Hayes, Middlesex, plunged into the River Brent at Greenford to rescue a ten-year-old boy.

Then, drenched and practically exhausted, he was taken home in a dust-cart.

"It was all in a day's work," was Mr. Hardy's only comment.

His wife told a reporter: "He had been at work on Wednesday, on Home Guard duty on Wednesday night, and at work all day Thursday before the rescue.

"He was cycling home from work when he heard children screaming. He saw a child nearly drowning and rushed to the rescue.

"He has gone to work again to-day."

16,
CLUBBED
SEVEN MEN

Twenty strokes with the birch and three years Borstal was the sentence passed at the Old Bailey on a youth, now seventeen, who laid in wait in a dark passage for men returning home with their wages, struck seven down with a wooden pickaxe shaft and robbed them.

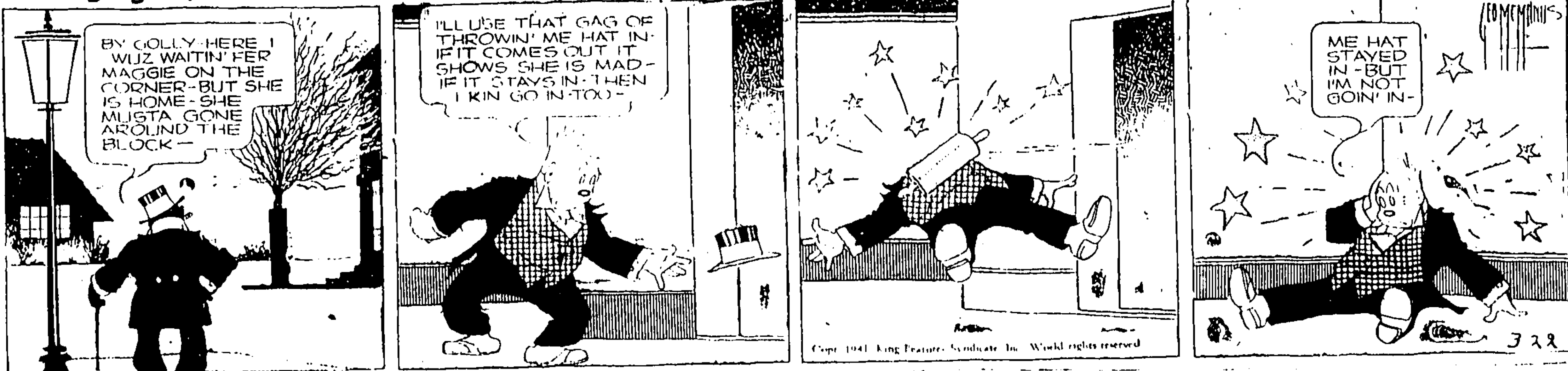
The youth, who was sixteen at the time of the offences, is George Ernest Knapp, a Dagenham tiler, said to have been earning as much as £6 a week.

Passing sentence, the Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, said: "After a long experience of criminal cases I can never recall such a case as this."

Knapp pleaded guilty to four charges of robbery with violence, and asked for three offences of assault and attempted robbery to be taken into consideration."

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN New Camera Make-Up

Most women feel that to have a photograph taken is much an ordeal as a visit to the dentist. Few of us are born photographers and because of that we find the camera making it difficult for the photographer to catch an expression which will satisfy our vanity. When we see the unretouched proof we want to cry from disappointment.

Knowing this common feminine ailment, a cosmetic house (with the aid of an X-movie expert) now presents an inexpensive kit of camera make-up, Hamden's Panchromatic Make-up, which, if used as directed, can make any one of us a Garbo or a Hepburn! How you wield your basic tint and tiny brushes makes all the difference in the world!

The set contains five basic tints in stick-cream consistency, one shadow, one lip rouge with brush for application, one eyebrow pencil which is also used as eyelid liner, three shades of face powder and a powder puff. What fun one has changing the colour of one's complexion, accenting a naughty lift of an eyebrow or drawing a new pair of lips.

Practice First

After you have made the appointment with your photographer you should spend an hour or more practising this new camera art. A little book of directions tells you how to take eight steps to facial glamour and instructs you in the selection of shades for your individuality.

For instance it teaches you shadowing and highlighting which may be carried over to your everyday application of make-up. If you have a wrinkle to hide or lines beneath the eyes, you are told what to use to do the trick. Every woman could spend time to advantage reading the little booklet which is nicely diagrammed.

Handy For Brides

Brides-to-be should certainly give this make-up a testing for the one time in a girl's life when she desires a glamorous portrait is when she models her bridal costume for the photographer. That portrait is handed down to posterity and should be as charming as possible.

But don't for a minute think



You no longer are of the younger generation if you don't get a thrill out of anticipating participation in the fashion parade.



A bridal picture is treasured for years. A bride should take every precaution to make her photograph as lovely as possible.

this make-up is just for portraiture. If they will be certain to cover every bit of exposed skin from complexion or a good deep tan the chest up! They at least can use it to create night-time beauty. Even those with fairer complexions can fool their public brunettes!

Dress Designing In Soho

Matilda Etches, the dress designer, of French-Canadian ancestry, sits in her studio overlooking shattered houses in Frith Street, Soho, and carries on.

Matilda Etches carries on, because the Service men tell her that when on leave they want their womenfolk to look chic and gay. So when at night they take their partners out she has designed her famous "Blitz Step-out and Stay-out Suit." In many of the major hotels and restaurants the clients have often to stay the night if the bombing and barrage are very intense. So Matilda Etches prepares her clients for these eventualities.

An attractive pyjama outfit is covered by a skirt of black wool, and a smart little jacket with zipped pockets makes an ideal combined costume for dancing or sleeping.

Matilda Etches has many successes in designing costumes for the ballet. While I was in her studio, writes a correspondent, an armful of pink carnations arrived from Rex Whistler, with whom she was happily associated regarding such ballets as "The Wise Virgins."

A number of the Etches dresses were lost in Holland when the Vic-Wells Ballet Company had to flee from the invading Germans.

One of her latest successes in the ballet world was the costuming of "The Dante Sonata," which was acclaimed as perfectly suiting the mood and movement of this work. She finds much inspiration from the designs of

Sophie Fedoravitch, who did this ballet.

Her clients include such interesting personalities as Hedli Anderson, Phyllis Monkman, Patricia Burke, and her mother, Marie Burke, Madge Elliott, Margot Fonteyn, and Hermione Gingold.

STOP AND THINK

If you are one of those people who are always being told not to "make such a fuss," don't try to curb your natural impatience, but turn this trait in your character to good advantage.

Instead of grumbling aimlessly, search for situations that need adjusting, people who need help.

When you've found them, raise your voice and make others notice them, too.

Much of the unhappiness in the world to-day is caused by people being afraid, or too lazy to air their grievances.

They think that it is wise to push their dislikes into the back-ground.

So it is up to a point, but not when it means closing your eyes to problems that need immediate attention.

After all, this is certainly not a perfect world, and to be absolutely satisfied with it is hardly desirable, or even possible.

The people who take everything with complacency are, to say the least, dull. Being without desires or opinions, they are not interesting to anyone.

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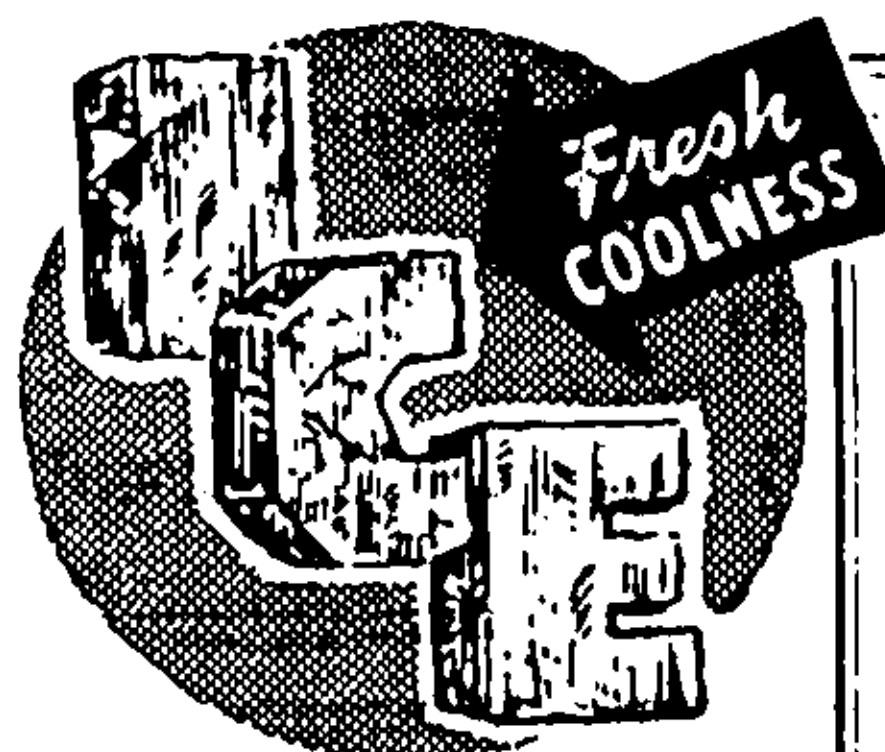
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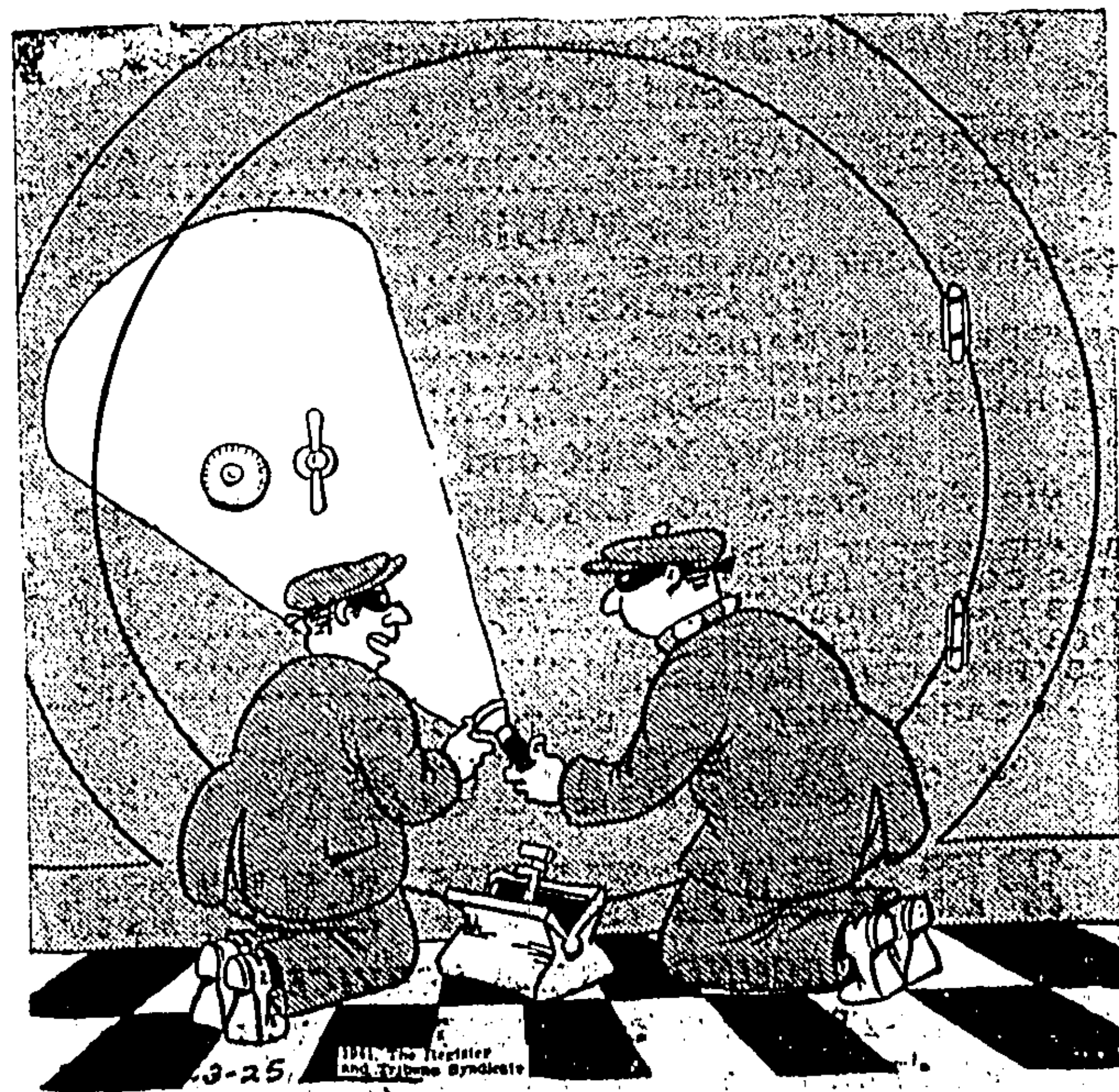
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Artie Shaw & his Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—It had to be You; I can't believe that you're in Love with me. Fox-Trot—Chantez les bas. Rumba—Danza Lucumi. Fox-Trots—Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise (from "New Moon"); Copenhagen. Swing Fox-Trots—Non-Stop Flight; Press Chat Fox-Trot—This is Romance.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Songs by Bing Crosby. Maybe (from "Oh! Kay"); Tumbling Tumbleweeds (Nolan); If I Knew Then (Jurgens, Howard).

1.10 p.m.—Hawaiian Music. Hawaiian Love. Hawaiian Rose—Medley—Kane's Hawaiians. Papalina Lahilahi (Johnny Noble); Haleiwa (Wood); Ray Kinney (Vocal) with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawaiians. Hilo Hanakahi (Halekalea). On the Beach of Waikiki (Kallimati). Waikiki Stone-Wall Boys.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The London Theatre Orchestra with Peggy Wood (Vocal). "Revuedeville" Memories—Windmill Theatre Selections. The London Theatre Orchestra Where are the Songs we Sung. Dearest Love (both from "Oprette") Peggy Wood (Soprano) with Orchestra. The Land of Smiles Selection—Intro. Introduction from Overture; Waltz. Duet, Love's Magic Power. Finale. Act 2: Apple blossom; Homeland. Dancing. How Entrancing; A Cup of China Tea. You are my Heart's Delight. London Theatre Orch. Zigeuner ("Bitter Sweet") (Howard) Peggy Wood (Soprano) with Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quick-Step—Bring out the Little Brown Jug; Fox-Trot—The Man who comes around. Billy Cotton & his Band. Fox-Trots—I've got my eyes on you (film "Broadway Melody of 1940"); The Singing Hills Joe Loss & his Orchestra. Waltz—By the Wishing Well; Slow Fox-Trot—A Lover's Lullaby. Fox-Ambrose & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Starlit Hour; Shake down the Stars Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—Thru' the Courtesy of Love (film "Voice of Scandal"). Denny Dennis with Orchestra. Piano & Whistling—Piano Medley No. 2—Intro. Easter Parade. With every breath I take; His Majesty the Baby; June in January; One good tune deserves another; The big bad wolf was dead. Ronald Gouley. Vocal—Little Fraternity Pin (from "Varsity Show"); Once in a while (Edwards, Green). Frances Langford with Orchestra. Vocal—Here's Love in your Eyes (film "The Big Broadcast of 1937"); To Mary—with Love (Gordon & Revel). Denny Dennis with Orchestra. Piano—Medley—Intro. Smoke gets in your eyes; Who made little Boy Blue; If I love again; Continental; Stay as sweet as you are; Sweetmeat Joe, the Candy Man. Ronald Gouley.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary & Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Banjo Music. Banjo Favourites—Intro. Stein Song; Valencia; Toy Drum Major. Raymond & his Band of Banjos. Keyboard Rapers (Steele). Mario de Pietro. Whistling Rufus (Mills). Temptation Rag (Lodge). Raymond & his Band of Banjos.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor). Hungarian Csardas of George Nagy (Karoly); You are the Fellow, friend Tykody; My Little velvet Hat; Oh! How long it seems. Magyar Imre & his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Can I Forget You (film "High, Wide and Handsome"); Sympathy (film "Firefly") Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra. The Last Drops—Waltz (Kratz); The Blue Danube—Waltz (Joh. Strauss). Magyar Imre & his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Indian Love Lyrics—Kashmiri Song (Hope—Woodforde—Flinden); Till I Wake (Hope—Woodforde—Flinden). Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Piano. Bihari Waltzes (Bihari). Magyar Imre & his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Verdi's "La Traviata" Act III. Solists in order of appearance: Mercedes Capric (Soprano); Violetta Valery, a courtesan; Ida Conti (Contralto); Violetta's maid; Bacaloni (Bass); A Physician; Lionel lo Cecil (Tenor); Alfredo Germont, lover of Violetta; Carlo; Galeffi (Baritone); Alfredo's father; with the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

HOW THE "EAGLES" SHARPENED THEIR TALONS

PILOTS OF "EAGLE" Squadron, the first all-American Squadron of the Royal Air Force, which recently took its place as a fully fledged unit of Fighter Command, had the experience, unique under present day conditions, of undergoing their "operational training" as a complete squadron under their own squadron commander.

Normally pilots in the R.A.F. go through the famous "four stage" training system—Initial Training Wing; Elementary Flying School; Service Flying School; Operational Training Unit. This system is designed to transform the completely untrained young men into the highly skilled service pilot ready to take his part in a squadron on active service.

But when "Eagle" Squadron was formed last October, all its members could already fly. Some had seen service with French or British Squadrons; others were pilots with American civil air lines; some student fliers at their Universities in the States.

What they mainly needed was collective training, flying together as a squadron in modern war conditions, so as to achieve that flexibility and unity which is the hall mark of the fighting squadrons of the R.A.F.

For the past few months "Eagle" Squadron has been sharpening its talons, going through all the tactical training and exercises which ordinarily is given at an operational training unit. In a comparatively quiet sector they have been hard at work, learning all the "tricks of the trade" under instructors with first hand experience of modern air fighting.

Films taken with cine-camera guns fitted to their Hurricane fighters and operated by a touch on the firing button recorded the "interceptions" and "attacks" made during practice

flights which closely resemble the real thing. Afterwards, in a darkened room, the pilots would re-live the "battle," noting the degree of success each achieved, or perhaps the mistakes which would have enabled an enemy to get away.

Gunnery practice, firing from an aircraft on the ground with its tail hooked up into flying position, and in the air at air-towed targets; quick take-offs by day and night; formation flying by flights and as a squadron; tactics, and control in the air from the ground and from the formation leaders; specialised instrument training; these are some of the things pilots of "Eagle" Squadron have been working at through the winter months.

Now, full-fledged and trained to the minute, "Eagle" Squadron lines up with the other Hurricane fighter squadrons of the R.A.F.—British, Dominions and Allies—ready for the fight.

RIVER SEARCH FOR CONJURER

Police are dragging the Thames near Maidenhead for the body of Mr. Horace Spencer, the conjurer, who fell from his bicycle into the river.

Mr. Spencer, who was fifty-six years of age, was one of the foremost card manipulators in the country. He had entertained thousands of people since he began conjuring at the age of ten.

He was cycling with a friend from Cookham, his native village, when he fell off his machine. His companion could not see him because of the darkness, but heard him shouting and struggling in the water. The Thames Patrol searched the river throughout the night in motor launches.

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The story of an aircraft fitter, who was alleged to have made friends with a Flight-Lieutenant one evening in a Bristol hotel, taken his uniform and all his belongings except his shoes,

Journeyed to London, where he posed as a D.F.C. pilot.

Taken £50 worth of jewellery belonging to his landlady and obtained two cheques for £30 and £40 from a music student, to whom he became engaged, before leaving on a "special mission to Dover," was told at Marylebone Police Court.

Stolen Jewels

The accused man, Michael Joseph Downs (26), no fixed home, was charged with stealing the jewellery and property, including uniform, parachute bag, and Post Office bank book, of Flight-Lieut. Reginald Heber Thomas, and with obtaining two cheques on false pretences from Miss Dorothy Geraldine E. Mellor, of Queen's-gate Terrace, W. Downs was stated to have been wearing uniform and to have said that his correct name was Donovan when he was arrested at Portsmouth. He was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

THE PAID PIPER

Secrets of the rat-catch trade were told at Clerkenwell County Court by Ernest Mitchell, of Wicklow-road, London, W.C., who said he was known all over the country as Ratty Mitchell.

Asked by counsel why he had not yet carried out a contract offered him, Mr. Mitchell replied: "You don't understand my business."

"They are offering me 6d. a tail. When I know the rats are breeding there it doesn't pay me to go until they have bred. Then I get more."

The Judge joined in the court laughter which followed this confession.

Judge Earengay. And how many can you catch in a week? Mitchell: I remember killing 1,143 in one week.

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BOMB WIPED OUT LITTLE COLONY

"THE HAPPY FAMILY" residents of a small Home Counties village called the tiny colony of farm workers living in four last-war army huts in a field nearby.

There was grandpa—he had worked on the land all his life. And there was Mrs. Brown, her three daughters and a son—and an old soldier of the last war. There were others, too, all land workers, and two evacuees from a blitzed area.

The huts were each divided into two, making eight homes for these farming folk, who enjoyed the peace and quiet of their country surroundings.

When they were all in bed, war visited their little colony. Nazi bombs hurtled down from the skies, wiping out their "happy family."

Nine people were killed, including the two little evacuees—they were found clasped in each other's arms—and the Brown family went, too. One young girl, who had been planning for her soldier husband's home-coming from Ireland, will never see him.

I walked up the narrow lane, which is almost too small to take a car, to see what Hitler's bombs had done to the homes of these simple folk, writes a "Daily Mirror" reporter.

The wooden shacks they had lived in were flat. Here and there a toy peeped out from the debris, and in what was left of the end hut, lying on the damaged flooring, lay two medals. They must have belonged to the old soldier.

FIANCE UNAWARE HE IS ENGAGED

Accepting a captive officer's proposal of marriage sent by letter, a girl is wearing an engagement ring given to her by her fiance's parents.

The officer, Captain William T. Lawton, of Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, does not know yet that Miss Joan Pogson, twenty, only daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. C. Pogson, of Hillcrest, Flathwaite, near Huddersfield, has accepted him.

The girl's letter saying "Yes" has not reached the prison camp in Poland to which he was transferred from one in Austria. "My fiance was captured in the battle of France," Miss Pogson told the "Daily Mirror."

"Not a word has been struck out of any of his letters by the German censors, and the kisses at the bottom were also invariably left intact."

ANYWAY HE TOOK THE MILK

A big building in a West of England town was recently ordered to be evacuated because it was dangerous. Guards were placed in front to keep everyone away.

But later a Home Guard, risking his life, went to the back door. The sight that greeted him made him rush for help.

Standing in ranks all round the back of the building were scores of bottles of milk. Each day the milk boy had delivered the supply for the canteen at the back door, ignoring the previous day's milk still there.

Now the canteen are wondering how to make cheese out of the scores of gallons of sour milk, and the boy is wondering whether he will get the George Medal or the sack.

SEARCHLIGHT FROM ABOVE

On the way home from Hamburg the other night a bomber ran into heavy A.A. fire and the blaze of many searchlights near Elbe entrance to the Kiel Canal.

"As the defences were being so troublesome," said the pilot afterwards, "we came down to 200 feet to machine-gun the lights. We all took a hand, the two rear gunners, the navigator and myself, and between us we let off 1350 rounds."

"Three of the lights were blotted out but the others still held us. We were all lit up. So we came down lower still—to 50 feet—and for a time that foxed both the lights and the guns. Just as we were congratulating ourselves, a searchlight shone down on us from above. It was on a hill well above our own height, and I must say it startled us for a few moments but we got clear in the end."

The next thing was a very unpleasant smell of petrol. The rear gunner reported that petrol was splashing against the outside of his turret. I thought at first that one of the starboard petrol tanks had been torn open. "I told the wireless operator to find out where the leak was, but within a few moments it was obvious that all the starboard petrol tanks were rapidly emptying, and that the main petrol tank feeding the starboard engine had been hit."

"So I opened up both engines to get as far as possible before the starboard engine gave out. It failed when we were just south of Scharborn Island, and for the rest of the way we had to fly on one engine. We jettisoned some of our stuff to lighten the aircraft, and the one engine took us faithfully home across the North Sea."

SOVIET AWARD TO SCIENTISTS

Prof. Kapitza, who for long worked with the late Lord Rutherford at Cambridge on the problem of making big magnetic fields for investigating the nature of the atom and the electron by a so-called bombardment, figures on a list of 43 Russian scientists receiving for the first time "Stalin's premiums."

There are annual prizes, founded in December, 1939, on the Soviet leader's birthday.

Since 1935 Prof. Kapitza has had his own specially built laboratory, where apparatus brought from Cambridge and more built in Russia since has been installed. With 22 others he gets 100,000 roubles as prize, the other 18 get 50,000 and four receive 25,000 roubles.

"Pravda" writes: "These are the real representatives of that modern science which dares to break old traditions and norms at the point when these act as brakes on progress—that science the examples of which are the leaders of scientific thought and labour, Galileo, Darwin, Marx, Lenin and Stalin."

GIRL RISKS LIFE FOR DOG

Miss Sonia Hill, a well-known sportswoman, risked her life to rescue a dog from a ledge of rock 50ft. down a disused quarry at Frongoch, Merioneth-shire.

Miss Hill, who is twenty-eight, allowed herself to be lowered on a rope to reach the dog, which belonged to her mother.

Below the ledge was a sheer drop of another 100 feet.

Badly Bruised

Miss Hill was badly bruised and cut about the face and legs.

The dog went rattling and got stuck on the ledge. As it was vicious, nervous and shy of strangers no one could get it but Miss Hill.

Four men on the quarry edge lowered her with the rope while her friend, Miss Hope Hewett, a North Wales novelist, tried to guide her footing from the opposite side.

The dog was brought up ledge by ledge.

LONELY MOTHER IS GAOLED

Because she was lonely after her husband joined the Army, the 30-year-old mother of three young children asked other women to stay with her "for company."

The mother, Mrs. Eva Cooper, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment at Croydon for allowing her house at Furze Road, Thornton Heath, to be used for immoral purposes.

A second charge of neglecting two of the children was dismissed. It was said that the children were well nourished, but the house was filthy. The husband said house and children were well looked after before he joined up.

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MR. HEARNE'S FINE RIDE ON O-LAN: BREAKS RECORD

Favourites Have A Bad Time

By "Rapier"

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY).

The first race on Monday, the Lead Mine Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class China ponies over six furlongs, was a treat to watch. Carrying 159 lb. Hopeful Star (Mr. Craven) was made hot favourite, and at one stage it appeared as if it was going to win, but it lacked the stamina to last out the distance, and had to be satisfied with third place.

King Kong (Mr. Wei) took the lead followed by Hopeful Star. Coming into the straight Hopeful Star held a slight advantage, but King Kong asserted itself on nearing the mile post and went on to win by a short head from Expansion Time (Mr. Black), which came through with a great burst of speed to beat Hopeful Star for second place.

FAVOURITE SECOND
The second race, the Killara Stakes (First Section) from the 11/2 mile post provided a real upset. With Mr. Black up, A Rosy Time took the lion's share of the betting, but it could do no better than place second. There was hardly anything of interest in the race. Leading Star (Mr. Craven), taking the lead from the start, never looked back, and, despite Mr. Black's effort, A Rosy Time was unable to make any impression on the leader. War Tax (Mr. Wei) was third.

DEAD HEAT
The best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Manly Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies, in which the favourite, The Nineteenth Hole (Mr. Hearne) again failed. Mainsail (Mr. Craven), which was third in the Whitsun Handicap on Saturday, scored a fine dead-heat win with Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei), the second favourite, to pay the biggest dividend of the day.

A fast pace was set by Mainsail, which was followed by Catherine Bridge (Mr. Chao) and Lancashire Chips. On rounding the bend for home, Catherine Bridge fell off and Lancashire Chips took second place, leaving the race behind Mainsail. When the distance post was reached, Mr. Wei sent Lancashire Chips into a slight lead, but Mr. Craven pushed Mainsail along to draw level and fight out the finish, the ponies passing the winning post together in record time. They bettered Vanity Fair's time by 3/5 seconds.

FAVOURITE FAILS
In the fourth race, the Barwon Heads Stakes for non-winning Australian griffins, the public made Vis Major (Mr. Wood) favourite although it had done nothing on Saturday to warrant it. It ran unplaced.

King's Welcome (Mr. Black) shot out into the lead, followed by National Reform (Mr. Chang), and on passing the winning post for the first time, Mr. S. W. Lee sent Nomine Poenae forward to take the lead. This order was maintained until nearing the last quarter, when King's Welcome was seen to take command which it maintained right up to the two mile post, when Nomine Poenae again went ahead. At this stage it appeared that Nomine Poenae would win but Gay Fox came up with a great rush to pass it and go on to win by three lengths. Prairie View was third, another two lengths away.

O-LAN'S NEW RECORD
Then came the main event of the day, the Whitsun Plate which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double".

Another record went by the board, the new mark being set by O-Lan, cleverly ridden by Mr. Hearne.

Confusion Bay (Mr. Black) was made favourite, and both Velvetlight (Mr. Wei) and World Fair View (Mr. Pih) were also well supported. Expectations of a grand race were fully justified and great excitement prevailed to the end.

Racyleight (Mr. Liang) set the pace followed by World Fair View and Dupont Bay (Mr. Tu). On passing the winning post for the

first time, Dupont Bay assumed command and held it up to the half mile post where it faded out of the race.

It was here that Confusion Bay took the lead followed by World Fair View and O-Lan. Just before rounding the bend, Mr. Hearne sent O-Lan to second position with Velvetlight, third, following.

In the straight Confusion Bay was overhauled by O-Lan and Velvetlight, and it soon became evident that the finish would be fought out between O-Lan and Velvetlight, but the former had just that extra in reserve to stave off defeat by a neck, with Confusion Bay third two lengths behind.

In winning this race O-Lan clipped 3-1/5 seconds off World Fair View's record time.

ANOTHER "MIGHTY FALLEN"
The sixth race, the Killara Stakes (Second Section) from the 1 1/2 miles post, resulted in the downfall of another favourite, Newborn Star, which was strongly supported, finished unplaced. It bore out on nearing the public stands and this contributed largely to its downfall.

Araxy II (Mr. Gregory) got away first, with Ophir (Mr. Hou Pak-ming) and Newborn Star (Mr. Craven) in close attendance.

In the straight Araxy II still led but Newborn Star came up strongly to pass Ophir, and challenge it. To the consternation of its backers, however, Newborn Star bore out to such an extent that it was never again in the picture. Meanwhile Araxy II went on to win by a length-and-a-half. Ophir was second, with Anzac Day (Mr. Hearne) third, the same distance away.

RECORD EQUALLED
The seventh race, the Bondi Handicap was the second leg of the "Daily Double" and Cheerful Star (Mr. Craven) was made hot favourite, the betting public evidently having full confidence in this combination. This confidence was justified as Cheerful Star won and equalled the record for this distance set by Fleetwing.

Cheerful Star quickly went out in front followed by Double Finesse (Mr. Chao) and Derby Day (Mr. Tang). At the six furlongs post Derby Day took the lead and kept it to the half mile post, where it shot its bolt immediately. Cheerful Star had passed it. Passing the Rock, Cheerful Star was still leading, followed by Cockleroi (Mr. Pih) and Shuttlecock (Mr. Black).

From this stage Cheerful Star went on to win from Shuttlecock, the second pony, which had the better of Cockleroi by a short head. There were 141 winning chances in the "Daily Double" and they were each rewarded with \$81.90.

SURPRISE FINISH
The eighth race, the Lead Mine Handicap (Second Section) for "C" Class China ponies, found Lovely View (Mr. Pih) a firm favourite, with Rob Roy (Mr. Poy) next in line of betting. Galveston Bay (Mr. Tu) the ultimate winner, was third in demand.

Rob Roy shot out in front followed by Advancing Time (Mr. Chang) and Lovely View. On reaching the Rock, Lovely View was sent forward to take the lead with Rob Roy and Galveston Bay following. Nearing the distant post Lovely View looked every inch the winner, but to the surprise of all Galveston Bay came through beautifully to pass Rob Roy, overhauled Lovely View and went on to win by two lengths, with Rob Roy third one-and-a-half lengths behind.

WELL JUDGED RACE
The ninth race, the Point Nepean Handicap over the Champions distance, was for 1941 Aus-

tralian Subs that have won only one race. King's Flight (Mr. Wei) was made favourite and did not disappoint.

The race started with Maple Leaf (Mr. Yuen) taking the lead, followed by Lex Fori (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Joan (Mr. Pan). After passing the seven furlongs post Lex Fori moved up to first position. This order was maintained to the Village bend, King's Flight being satisfied with fourth position. Coming to the last quarter King's Flight was sent into the lead with Happy Returns (Mr. Chang) behind, followed by Jus Gentium (Mr. Black).

Although Happy Returns came up strongly to challenge King's Flight on nearing the members' stands, it was to no avail as King's Flight had plenty in reserve and went on to win by one-and-a-half lengths. Jus Gentium was third, another two lengths behind.

CRIFTEL PENALISED
There was nothing over which one could enthuse in this race, the Manly Handicap (Second Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies. It was a sprint event and carrying the most money Criftel, ridden by Mr. Black, was penalised for being over anxious in getting away and was, therefore put back instead of in the first position which it had drawn. This resulted in its downfall.

The start saw Devonian (Mr. Gregory) taking the lead followed by Rowan (Mr. Hearne) and Chiltern (Mr. Yuen). Rounding the bend Rowan shot forward to take the lead which it maintained right up to the end.

MR. LEE'S SUCCESS
Confined to novice jockeys, the Spencer Handicap over the mile brought Mr. S. W. Lee nearer to graduation. The race started with Bredon (Mr. Sequela) taking the lead followed by Winnie (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Spring Shine (Mr. R. K. C. Chui), the favourite. On going up to the Rock, Bredon faded out of the race and Winnie took the lead. Coming down the straight Winnie was still leading, with Spring Shine second and A Good Time (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) third, and this was the order in which they eventually finished.

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Taking the lead from the start it kept it right through to the winning post to win by six lengths from Surprise Again (Mr. Chao), the second pony, with Colorado Star (Mr. Pih) third.

HITCH-HIKE FOR SOCCER FAME

We've heard the story of the Scot, who, after walking from Glasgow to Wembley for an international match was too tired to climb over the gates.

Here's another you don't know telling of greater persistence and which has the merit of being true!

Found at Rugby without identity cards, two young Scottish brothers who had hitch-hiked nearly 300 miles to join Leicester City F.C.'s coaching-with-employment scheme were helped by the police to achieve their ambition.

Within 12 hours of their arrival in Leicester they were placed in work of national importance.

The brothers, William Fleming, aged 16, and Harry (17), are sons of a former Auchenleck Talbot player.

They worked in the pits at Auchenleck, in Ayrshire, and, deciding to leave for Leicester, they managed to pay their single fare to Carlisle. They had to hitch-hike the rest of the way (except from Rugby to Leicester).

Mr. A. E. Pallett, Leicester City chairman, learned of their plight from the police and immediately arranged for them to be brought to Leicester.

They were so excited over their prospects when leaving Scotland that they forgot to take their identity cards, ration-books, and gas masks with them.

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CRAIGENGOWER C.C. SHOW THEIR PACES

OF THE FIVE MATCHES ORIGINALLY
ARRANGED FOR YESTERDAY IN THIRD DIVISION OF THE TENNIS LEAGUE ONLY THREE
WERE PLAYED.

The two postponed games were the Recreio-Kowloon C.C. and the C.R.C. "A" and "B" matches, the former having been put forward to to-day.

Results follow:—

A.T.C. v K. Tong

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Kowloon Tung Garden City Association, by 7 1/2 sets to 1 1/2.
Emerson and Duffield (Army) drew with S. Hsu and D. Chen 6-6
beat K. M. Lee and A. H. Hassan 6-1
beat L. Chan and D. Kwok 6-1
Webb and Denyer (Army) lost to Hsu and Chen 4-6
beat Lee and Basto 6-3
beat Chan and Kwok 6-3
Murray and Megson (Army) beat Hsu and Chen 6-4
beat Lee and Basto 6-3
beat Chan and Kwok 6-3

C.C.C. v I.R.C.

Craigengower, beat Indian Recreation Club by nine sets to nil at the Valley.
Lee, Walket and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.) beat A. Rahman and M. A. Wahab 6-3
beat I. Kitchell and M. Hassan 6-0
beat M. F. Madar and A. D. H. Esmail 6-0
George Lai and Y. L. Pao (C.C.C.) beat Rahman and Wahab 6-1
beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1
beat Madar and Esmail 6-3
W. J. Howard and K. L. Webb (C.C.C.) beat Rahman and Wahab 6-0
beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1
beat Madar and Esmail 6-1

K.I.T.C. v H.K.U.

Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat Hong Kong University Tennis Club by 5 1/2 sets to 3 1/2 at Pokfulam.
K. Cheah and F. Liu (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to B. A. and S. S. Hussain 1-6
lost to Dr. H. M. Singh and Dr. F. A. M. Sopher 3-6



drew with M. Ramzan and J. Khan 6-6
S. L. Yong and P. K. Hoo (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain 0-6
lost to Singh and Sopher 2-6
beat Ramzan and Khan 6-3
T. C. Lo and Y. Ip (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain 0-6
beat Singh and Sopher 6-3
beat Ramzan and Khan 6-3

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some teams:—

A.T.C. v Filipino Club
R.O.R.C. (1) v J.R.C.
C.B.A. v S.C.A.A.
I.R.C. v C.C.C.
K.I.T.C. v R.O.R.C. (2)

P.O.R.C. (1)—D. Fitches and Wong Kwei-wai; S. S. Chin and S. K. Chim; Hoytett and McPherson.

P.O.R.C. (2)—Tao Kwok-fai and Lai Fat; Morrison and C. Pilo; So Yan-Kit and Ho Tak-lan.

K.I.T.C.—S. A. M. Sopher and K. Singh; S. Ramchand and W. Mehal; A. H. Mehal and S. Singh.
I.R.C.—M. H. Hassan and G. Singh; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Hazbek; A. J. Sulland and L. Kitchell.
Filipino Club—B. Poon and P. Poon; F. Gonzales and Robert Lee; T. S. Hus and L. F. Souza.
S.C.A.A.—P. V. Kwok and K. C. Wong; C. M. Wong and S. S. Yan; L. L. Chan and Y. K. Ng.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following clubs have selected their teams for League bowls matches on Saturday:—

K.C.C.
First Division (v. Recreio "B", Away)
A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, W. Mulcahy and E. C. Fincher (Skip)
A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip)
L. Jack, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and J. Fraser (Skip)
Second Division (v. C.C.C., Home)
R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabel and T. W. Carr (Skip)
A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip)
T. R. Hunter, N. O. Lloyd, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (Skip)
H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v. K.T.R.C., Home)
J. S. Howell, B. I. Bickford, Dr. J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (Skip)
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. V. Pearce and W. Macfarlane (Skip)
R. P. Shaw, E. Strange, A. Brooks-bank and K. S. Robertson (Skip)
Third Division (v. P.R.C., Away)
A. Bailey, C. Carr, J. Ralston and G. Stephens (Skip)
K. Farrow, J. M. Thomson, C. B. Robertson and G. Graver (Skip)
J. Russell, S. Strange, A. C. Gratton and B. H. Mansell (Skip)
Reserves:—J. D. Thomson, E. Casey and A. B. Coleman.

K.F.C.

Second Division (v. Recreio, Home)
A. Lapsley, V. Allenza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Field (Skip)
W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip)
A. A. Dand, C. Dowman, W. C. Simpson and T. Ferguson (Skip)
Third Division (v. Recreio, Away)
B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and B. D. Evans (Skip)
W. C. Ogley, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip)
G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre and R. Ogden (Skip).

Reserves:—J. Gibson, I. Bones, W. Seraphina and L. Mullett.

Second Division (v. C.C.C., Away)
A. Lapsley, V. Allenza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Fields (Skip)
W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip)
A. A. Dand, C. Dowman, W. C. Simpson and T. Ferguson (Skip)
Reserves:—J. Gibson and W. C. Ogley.

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away)
H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar and A. J. Kew (Skip)
N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip)
H. Gittins, W. M. Gittins, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip).

K.B.G.C.

First Division ("A", v. C.C.C., Home)
W. L. Walker, W. McNeill, S. Randle and A. M. Holland (Skip)
R. P. Phillips, H. Lockhart, H. White and A. J. Hall (Skip)
L. Sykes, A. Hyde-Lay, H. E. Drew and J. McKelvie (Skip).

First Division ("B", v. Recreio "A", Home)

W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett and R. Duncan (Skip)
A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (Skip)
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, C. H. Sheriff and L. Guy (Skip).

Third Division (v. H.K.E.R.C., Away)
C. E. Langley, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (Skip).

J. S. Dunne, E. A. Atkins, G. E. F. Thompson and C. Wallis (Skip)
H. Bicknell, G. W. Elphick, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v. K.B.G.C., Home)
A. P. Tarbuck, W. E. Macfarlane, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip)
J. R. Way, W. Stonehouse, W. Stoker and J. F. Lunny (Skip).

R. A. Owens, E. L. Graeme, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (Skip).

Reserve:—R. F. Gregory.

H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v. Talkoo R.C., Home)
S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (Skip).

G. G. Altkhead, T. R. Rowell, L. A. R. Duncan and F. Goodwin (Skip).

R. R. Davies, E. Hospes, P. J. A. Hamilton and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Third Division (v. C.C.C., Away)
H. A. Angus, E. S. Doughty, P. S. Cassidy and A. Nissim (Skip).

H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, B. J. Lacom and R. A. Edwards (Skip).

Dr. D. J. Valentine, H. F. Shields, A. S. Mitchell and A. McKellar (Skip).

RECREIO

First Division ("A", v. K.B.G.C., "B", Away)

Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, H. A. Alves and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Perelra, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division ("B", v. K.C.C., Home)
D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).

F. A. Machado, B. Basto, Edgale Souza and L. J. Silva (Skip).

C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip).

Second Division (v. K.F.C., Away)
A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, C. A. Lopes and O. P. Remedios (Skip).

E. L. Barros, E. M. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves and J. B. Soares (Skip).

A. P. Pereira, Fred A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (Skip).

Third Division (v. K.F.C., Home)
L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).

F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).

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HIGH STANDARD OF ATHLETICS IN U.S.

Defence Programme's Effect

HIGH JUMP OF OVER SEVEN FT.

"In view of the distinct revival of interest in athletics in Hong Kong, I have written this article on the sport in the United States which gives some idea of the extremely high standard, and which might prove of interest to your athletically-minded readers," writes a correspondent.

ARMY CAMPS and the absence of a chance of qualifying for an Amateur Athletic Union track team touring Europe have had little deterrent effect on the standard of track and field performance in the United States this year.

Defence jobs have claimed training time from a number of top-flight athletes, and conscription has claimed a number of the bigger names, prominent among them being John Woodruff, Olympic champion at 800 metres and world record holder at 880 yards.

College athletes continue to provide first class opposition for active graduate stars, however, and men of the calibre of Walter Mehl and John Murki, both since graduated from the Universities of Wisconsin and Missouri, respectively, are meeting with stern competition in the mile run from college stars Leshe Mac-Mitchell, Bob Ginn and Phil Lebowitz.

Fast Mile

MacMitchell, with Mehl, holds the best time of the season at the distance, a mile in 4 mins. 7.4 secs., and the others are not more than five seconds behind. Woodruff's few appearances on the track are compensated for by half-milers of the standard of Campbell Kane, Edson Burrowes, Clarence Barnes, MacUmstadtd, Dick Peter and three or four others, consistent at 1 min. 52 secs. or better.

The colleges lead in the 440 yards with Grover Klemmer of California better than 47 seconds flat, close on his heels being Gene Littler (Nebraska), Warren Briedenbach (Michigan), Roy Cochran (Indiana), Clarence Barnes (California) and Vic Bourland (U.S.C.), who are capable of 47.2 secs. or better.

The keyday of the sprints has passed with the retirement from competition of the great Jesse Owens, Eulace Peacock and Ben Johnson, but potential 9.4 men remain in Harold Davis of Salinas and Norwood Ewell, Penn State, who, however, face little stern opposition.

There are not as many handlers of class as there were one or two years ago but Dugger of Tufts leads the high-barrier men, with Batiste of Sacramento, both of whom have done 13.9 secs., and Stuckel of P. and Cochran of Indiana the lows, both near 23 seconds flat but far out of the class of Rice Institute's great Fred Wolcott.

Lester Steers of Oregon has cleared 7 feet 0 1/2 inches in the high jump and is consistent at 6 feet 10 inches, with Johnny Wilson of U.S.C. and Bill Stewart, another Californian, steady at 6 feet 8 inches.

Cornelius Warmerdam of Fresno has already lifted the pole vault record this season to 15 feet 2 1/2 inches and looks capable of 15:6 before the season is over, while Earle Meadows, Dick Ganslen, and Kenny Dills are in the 14.6 class.

Brown In Own Class

The broad jumpers are led by Billy Brown of Louisiana State with an early-season leap of 25 feet 7 inches, but there is hardly another 25-footer in sight.

The weightmen are led by Al Blozis of Georgetown who has already heaved the shot 57 feet, and by Archie Harris of Indiana and Phil Fox of the Olympic Club in the disc. Harris has spun the platter out to 171 feet and Fox to 169 feet.

ROSYLIGHT STATEMENT

Asked for a statement on the withdrawal of Clre's Rosylight, second favourite, at last Saturday's races and the decision not to return betting money on this pony, Mr. C. B. Brown, Secretary of Hong Kong Jockey Club, told the "China Mail" yesterday that the pony came under the Starter's orders and so must be considered to have raced, in which case betting money was not refundable.

S.C.A.A. GALA

South China Athletic Association will hold their first swimming gala of the season at North Point, to-morrow at 7.30 p.m. Following is the programme:
Ladies' 50 metres Free-style.
Men's 100 metres Free-style (Open to the Colony).
Ladies' 100 metres Free-style (Open to the Colony).
Ladies' 100 metres Breast-stroke.
Children's 50 metres Free-style.
Men's 200 metres Four Men Relay.
50 metres Obstacle Race.
Water Polo match.

ARMY TENNIS

In the Second Division Army Tennis League, 36th Battery, Royal Artillery, beat Royal Corps of Signals by two points to one at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Price and Love (Signals), beat Lieut. Dawson and Bdr. Whitmore, 6-3, 7-5.
Sgt. Brakenberry and Sgt. Wat-hen (Signals).

lost to Lieut. Godfrey and Cpl. Reynolds, 5-7, 2-6.

C. S. M. Fayers and Cpl. Gor-man (Signals).

lost to Sgt. Hicks and Bdr. Good-enough, 6-3, 2-6; 2-6.

WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT

Two matches in the water-polo Tournament were held yesterday. Navy "A", after being two goals down, recovered to beat Middlesex "B" 4-2 at Y.M.C.A. and Navy "B" and 5th A.A. Regt. shared four goals in the Dockyard.

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SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON CONVOY OFF TUNISIA

CANADIAN AIR FORCE TRAGEDY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Five Royal Canadian Air Force flyers were instantly killed when their Hudson plane crashed into a radio mast on Sable Island, in the Atlantic, while they were searching for a missing R.A.F. aircraft with four aboard.

The missing plane is equipped with a rubber dinghy, giving hope that the quartet might be found alive.

—International News Service.

BRITISH LAND FROM THE AIR

THE OCCUPATION OF MOSUL WAS CARRIED OUT BY BRITISH AIR-BORNE AND GROUND TROOPS ON TUESDAY, ACCORDING TO MILITARY CIRCLES IN CAIRO.

Owing to the lack of news they were unable to state whether British met with any resistance.

The same circles said that there

8,000-Ton Axis Vessel Blown Up

A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL aerial attack on an enemy convoy is recorded in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

It states: "As a result of reconnaissance carried out by American-built Maryland aircraft, R.A.F. bombers on Tuesday attacked a convoy of enemy merchant vessels escorted by destroyers which was proceeding southwards off the Tunisian coast.

"One ship of about 8,000 tons blew up with such tremendous force that flying debris hit and damaged other ships in the convoy. Debris also struck one of our bombers which crashed into the sea.

"Direct hits were also registered on another ship in the convoy of about 5,000 tons and it was left ablaze with columns of smoke pouring from amidships. Other vessels were also damaged.

"An Italian three-engined aircraft was shot down by our fighters into the sea at Malta. The crew were last seen on the wing

was no evidence of any particular damage to oil pumping stations and that the wells were intact.

—Reuter

Syrian Dumps Bombed

"While on reconnaissance flight off the Island of Cephalonia, one of our aircraft attacked an Italian seaplane which was taxiing on the water and destroyed it.

"In Cyrenaica, South African fighters machine-gunned a number of enemy aircraft on the landing ground at Gambut, destroying three.

"Benghazi was raided during the night of Monday and Tuesday and large fires were started on moles and among military buildings.

"Petrol dumps at Beirut, in Syria, were bombed and machine-gunned by our aircraft on Tuesday.

"Enemy positions in Abyssinia, particularly at Debarech, were attacked.

"From all these operations one of our aircraft is reported missing in addition to the one mentioned above. Two aircraft reported missing in the communiqués of June 2 and 3 are known to have returned safely to their bases." —Reuter

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WINANT'S TALK WITH MR. HULL

THE VEIL OF SECRECY WHICH HITHERTO HAS SHROUDED THE VISIT OF MR. JOHN G. WINANT, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, TO WASHINGTON, WAS PARTLY LIFTED LAST EVENING.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said at his press conference that the state of international danger to the United States was the subject of his conference with Mr. Winant on Tuesday.

He added they spent much time going over United States policy generally in relation to the international situation.

Mr. Winant was expected to confer again with President Roosevelt yesterday. —Reuter.

GLORIOUS FOURTH AS USUAL

THE TRADITIONAL DRESS OF SWALLOW-TAILS AND SILK HATS WAS ADHERED TO BY ETON COLLEGE BOYS IN YESTERDAY'S JUNE 4 CELEBRATIONS, BUT CLOTHES RATIONING MAY MAKE IT THE LAST TIME UNTIL AFTER THE WAR.

Otherwise the celebrations were among the quietest on record.

The bombing of the Upper School last December made it impossible for speeches to be delivered in the historic building for the first time in 170 years. —Reuter.

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STRONG NAZI FORCES ALREADY IN SYRIA

Latest Me's Downed

Two of Germany's latest Messerschmidt fighters — the ME 109F — were shot down into the English Channel last evening.

They were among a number which attempted to cross the Kent coast above the cover of cloud but were tackled by cannon-firing Spitfires.

One British fighter is missing. The Me 109F is a development of last year's ME 109, chief new feature being bigger engine power. — Reuter.

GERMAN KULTUR AT WORK

Ignoring German threats, the inhabitants of the Greek town of Levadia, 60 miles north-west of Athens, began unloading a goods train carrying supplies which had been seized in that area.

It was authoritatively learned in Cairo yesterday that German police opened fire, killing and wounding many, including women and children.

Following this incident the German kommandatur ordered the shooting of anybody attempt-

VICHY DENIES BASES REPORT

Reports published abroad that six French naval bases had been set aside for joint occupation by Franco-German forces, were formally denied in authoritative circles in Vichy yesterday, says the official French News Agency. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVY'S PART IN ANTI-SUB CAMPAIGN

THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE EXPANSION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL PATROL HAS SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF GERMAN SUBMARINE OPERATIONS.

This was stated yesterday by Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, in Washington.

The Germans, he said, were claiming a tremendous number of sinkings but "hitherto the British have generally been right" in contending that the true figures were much less than the German claims. — Reuter.

ing to approach goods trains or warehouses.

Emergency measures have been decreed in Athens and hundreds of citizens are being sent to courts-martial there to receive the death penalty. — Reuter.

NAZIS MAY GET FRENCH BASES

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)
REPORTS OF FURTHER plans for collaboration between Vichy and the Nazis were current in London yesterday, and though they do not so far find confirmation in official circles, they are interesting indications of German aspirations regarding French resistance.

One of these reports suggests that under the terms of the Hitler-Darlan agreement six French naval bases are to be made available for joint use by the French and German Fleets. The ports mentioned were Sete, on the Mediterranean coast of France, Beirut in Syria, Ville-

franche near Nice, Algiers, Casablanca and Dakar.

If this report is borne out by developments it is obviously of first class importance. Possession of Dakar would put German ships at a base where the distance between Africa and

Panzer Divisions And 400 'Planes Set For Campaign

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

OUT OF A MULTITUDE OF CONFLICTING REPORTS ON THE SITUATION IN SYRIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST GENERALLY, AS WELL AS AXIS PROPAGANDA DESIGNED TO CONFUSE AND HIDE THE ACTUAL PLANS OF THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, COMES RELIABLE INFORMATION IN LONDON THAT THE NAZIS HAVE, IN FACT, CONCENTRATED STRONG LAND AND AIR FORCES IN SYRIA.

Germany, according to this information, is already virtually set, with vast air and land forces in Syria, Libya and Mediterranean island bases, for a swift and strong blow against Britain's strongholds in the Middle East.

At least 400 German 'planes and three panzer divisions, two of them complete with light tank units, as well as 200,000 paratroopers and other aerial specialists, are reliably said to have arrived in Syria.

Whether Britain, with large forces massed on the Syrian frontier, will march into the French-mandated territory in an attempt to beat the Germans to the punch, remains uncertain.

In view of the official silence on events in this part of the world, however, observers in London said yesterday that this possibility cannot be disregarded.

The British press is still airing arguments for and against a British move in Syria.

Vichy Warning

The "Daily Express" yesterday urged continued trust in Britain's leaders "to do the right thing in the light of all circumstances," including "the best disposition of the British forces over a wide area and the likelihood that any overt move by Britain might compel Vichy to go over completely to the Reich."

MEANWHILE THE VICHY SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY WARNED BRITAIN THAT THE FRENCH ADMINISTRATION IN

SYRIAN TRADE FORBIDDEN

The Egyptian Ministry of Finance has placed Syria on the list of countries with which it is forbidden to trade as "being occupied either by Germany or Italy." — Reuter.

the South American continent is no more than about 2,000 miles, and would also constitute a further menace to British shipping from West African ports. — Reuter.

MYSTERY U.S. NAVY ORDER

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY DIRECTING THAT AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF COAST GUARD OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN BE TRANSFERRED TO HELP OPERATE CERTAIN NAVAL VESSELS.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Commission has issued a list of 28 merchant vessels, including the liner America, which have been acquired for the army and navy. — Reuter.



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German Infiltration Into Syria Continues Steadily

NAZIS TAKE OVER FRENCH TANKS AND ARMoured CARS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Syrian Frontier)
REPORTS TRICKLING OVER THE FRONTIER INDICATE THAT THE STEADY GERMAN INFILTRATION INTO SYRIA CONTINUES BY LAND, SEA AND AIR. THRICE WEEKLY THE TAURUS EXPRESS DISGORGE BATHES OF APPROXIMATELY 50 NAZIS WHILE FURTHER GERMANS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE BY PLANE AT SYRIAN AIRPORTS.

Latest reports indicate that more than 12 planes are arriving daily, many of which are fighters. On Tuesday 150 troop-carriers landed at Rayak, for what purpose is unknown, for all were empty.

Although the reports are unconfirmed, I believe the 400 so-called wounded who were recently landed at Beirut from a hospital ship are members of the Nazi Tank Corps which has now taken control of French armoured cars and tanks, which had lain idle for four months.

Coincidentally comes news of a tightening of Vichy's iron grip on Syria. Any officers attempting to escape to Palestine are shot on the spot.

This fact is proved by news that two were shot on Tuesday while attempting to cross the border.

Furthermore the French army has been warned that if they attempt to escape their families will be imprisoned and their goods confiscated.

Order To Fire

One who reached Palestine said the Senegalese manning the frontier, who are mostly pro-British, now have 10 Vichy officers to every 100 men.

These officers are instructed that if any British attempt to cross the frontier to Syria they must shoot.

Although most of the Germans arriving in Syria disappear immediately to unknown destinations in the interior, three leading hotels in Beirut are reserved for Germans only.

Majority of the Germans are selected for their knowledge of French. They are excellent linguists but their writing in the hotel registers reveals their nationality.

Those coming from Turkey inscribe "Via Aleppo" instead of "Alepp," which is the true French version.

Frontier Still Quiet

The majority of Frenchmen in Syria secretly express disgust at the German infiltration and understanding of the British suppression of the Iraqi rebellion, while the determined R.A.F. attacks on Syrian airports and the desertion of Colonel Collet, the famous leader of Colonial troops, are all having an encouraging effect.

Meanwhile the frontier is extremely quiet, and after a tour extending from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Galilee, I saw nothing which indicated secret movements going on in Syria.

The crops are now ripe; Jews and Arabs alike are peacefully harvesting in the frontier region. — Reuter.

MOSCOW CRITICAL ON CRETE

"The British Military Command of the Near East actually held Crete for six months from the Greek entry into the war, but it neglected properly to fortify this important strategic position."

This statement was made by Ivanov, member of the Soviet Academy of Science, discussing events in the Mediterranean in yesterday's issue of "Trud," organ of the Trade Unions in Moscow.

He continued: "Particularly during this period no coastal defence or A.A. defence of any special value was established. There were only three aerodromes on the island and they were open and unprotected."

He pointed out that owing to the withdrawal of the Air Force, the British troops and the naval base at Suda Bay were left almost without protection.

He said that despite heavy losses, units of the British Mediterranean Fleet operating in the region of Crete carried out the tasks allotted to them.

He concluded: "The battle of Crete demonstrates again the tremendous significance of the full cooperation of all types of arms; it shows especially the necessity of thorough preparation and consolidation of landing operations and defences against enemy landings." — Reuter.



The King, accompanied by the Queen, recently visited several R.A.F. stations where he inspected the personnel and presented honours and awards. Photo shows the King investing Group Captain O. R. Gayford, D.F.C., A.F.C., with the C.B.E. In February, 1933, S/Ldr. Gayford, as he then was, established a world's long distance record for a flight from Cranwell to Walvisch Bay, South West Africa, a distance of 5,340 miles, in 37 hours 25 minutes. He piloted the Fairey monoplane used in the flight.

STAGE SET FOR MEDITERRANEAN TESTING TIME

THE TESTING TIME in the Mediterranean is drawing near, declared the London evening newspapers yesterday, the "Star" saying: "The stage is set for a mighty struggle on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean."

"Axis strategy is to strike down through Syria and Palestine on one side and from Libya on the other."

YOUTHFUL RECRUITS FOR NAVY

Schoolboys and other young men may volunteer for the Navy, including the Fleet Air Arm, under a new "Y" scheme announced by the Admiralty in London yesterday.

They must have reached the age of 17 but will not be called for training until they are 18. Candidates accepted will be entered in the unpaid Navy Reserve and continue schooling until called up. They must have reached a certain educational standard or have served a year in a junior training corps, Air Training Corps, the Army Cadet or Sea Cadet Corps.

Candidates can volunteer for training as pilot or observer in the Fleet Air Arm and if they satisfactorily complete the course of training they will be granted temporary commissions in the air branch of the Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Candidates accepted as seamen

"The reverses in Greece and Crete should not make us forget that we owe the chief successes of our arms in this war to General Wavell's skill."

"The testing time is drawing nearer. The valour and quality of our fighting men have been proved in many fierce encounters against heavy odds."

All Out Watchword

"The least they deserve is every support in machines and equipment that our workshops can give them, coupled with festive on the part of our High Command to abandon all old-fashioned notions of strategy, tactics and technique."

"The Germans are likely to stake everything on a decision this summer, before American help becomes an avalanche; and Hitler is thinking in terms of a total war, a lightning war of 100 per cent. effort."

"Our watchword must be 'all out.'" — Reuter.

can also be recommended for temporary commissions. Men already registered who wish to be pilots or observers in the Fleet Air Arm, if under 28, can volunteer under the "Y" Scheme. University students are eligible and if possible will complete their course of study before being called for naval training. — Reuter.

STRIKERS HOLD UP SUPPLIES FOR BRITAIN

Millions of dollars worth of defence materials for Britain have been immobilised in New York by a strike of 1,400 warehouse workers in New York warehouses.

The strikers are demanding an increase in wages. — Reuter.

APPROVAL OF U.S.A. ASSURED

There is no doubt that whatever steps Britain is forced to take in Syria, she will have the whole-hearted approval of the United States as the press and public continue their denunciation of the Darian policy.

In a trenchant editorial, the "Washington Post" says that if Darian's remarks mean anything, France is prepared not only to kiss the rod which beat her, but will wield it against a nation to which her people must look for their salvation.

The paper goes on to say that Hitlerism is America's declared enemy and France cannot be a friend of Germany and also of the United States. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL VISIT

The Governor of Kenya, Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, and Lady Moore have left for the Congo by air on an official visit to the Governor-General. It was officially announced in Nairobi yesterday. — Reuter.

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FOREIGN REPORTS OF THE PRESENCE OF GENERAL DE GAULLE, LEADER OF FREE FRANCE, IN JERUSALEM AT THE HEAD OF A FREE FRENCH FORCE, ARE NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED IN EITHER FREE FRENCH OR BRITISH QUARTERS IN LONDON BUT THEY SERVE TO EMPHASISE THE IDENTITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN FREE FRANCE AND BRITAIN IN THE SYRIAN QUESTION, AS IN OTHER MATTERS.

Since General de Gaulle returned to Cairo about 11 days ago, to be in close touch with developments in Syria and elsewhere, there had been no further news of his movements until yesterday.

Meanwhile, the reported decision of the Vichy Government to defend the French Empire "single-handed" is significant in several ways.

The announcement seems designed to meet charges which are being increasingly heard inside France that the French are not masters in their own house, and the fact that such an announcement is thought necessary at present may doubtless be taken as a measure of the dissatisfaction felt in France and the French Empire at Vichy's policy.

The phrase "fighting single-handed" is doubtless German-inspired.

German Lure?

It would pay the Germans well to lure the Vichy forces into single-handed hostilities while the German army made its preparations leisurely and then made a dramatic entry at the propitious moment. Whatever phrases Vichy employs, however, the fact remains her troops can fight only with German-made arms in French factories now under German control.

Further reports from France of increasing attacks by night on the German forces in Occupied France seem to suggest increasing dissatisfaction among loyal Frenchmen at German control there.

Knowledge that German military activity is in full flood, both in Morocco and Syria, will certainly do little to allay this resentment.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN SCHEME FOR AIRMEN

Since the Inauguration of the Empire Air Scheme 180,455 men have applied to enlist in the Royal Australian Air Force and it is announced that the Federal Cabinet has approved a spare time Training plan to put members of the R.A.A.F. in skilled occupations after the war.

The scheme, costing £50,000 per year, will assist skilled men to refresh that knowledge of former occupations and help others to secure suitable work.—British Wireless.

THE QUIETEST MONTH

May was the quietest month for the lifeboat service since war began. Boats were launched 50 times to vessels in distress and 27 lives were saved.

There were three times as many launches and twice as many lives saved as the average for May in years of peace.—British Wireless.

WISHES AHEAD OF REALITY

Transocean, the official German news service, yesterday contained a news item under the date-line Beirut which states that "the French Major de Collet apparently has committed suicide."

Once again German propagandists have allowed their wishes to run ahead of reality.

Apart from the fact that the French officer who came over to the side of the Free French was Colonel Collet, not Major de Collet, and that he not only attempted but succeeded to cross into Palestine, informed London circles have no reason to believe Collet is not in the best of health.

This killing off on paper of her enemies recalls recent German claims that General Freyberg who commanded the Allied forces in Crete, had been shot down on the way to Alexandria. As already stated General Freyberg was at the time fighting in Crete with his men.—British Wireless.

EGYPTIAN CABINET RESHUFFLE

An Egyptian Cabinet reshuffle is taking place in Cairo; members of the Cabinet submitted their resignations to King Farouk last night.

It is understood the reforming of the Cabinet will be completed to-day under the same Premier and with the Saadist Party and the Wafd Party still refusing to join the Government.

While the Wafd, however, will still remain outside the Cabinet, this is purely a question of internal politics and has nothing to do with external affairs.

The Wafd wants general elections held first before entering a National Government; whereas the other parties consider this undesirable in wartime.

The idea of further broadening the basis of the Government is generally welcomed in Cairo.—Reuter.

Western Australia is the first State to achieve the total contributions of £2,250 needed to buy a Spitfire.—British Wireless.



Roman Catholic chaplains are not carried in all British navy ships, but one is attached to a ship in each squadron and generally to each naval establishment. Photo shows Mass in progress on the Recreation Deck.

NAZI DELEGATES AT EX-KAISER'S FUNERAL

Delegations from the Reich are expected to attend the funeral of the ex-Kaiser on Monday in the Castle Chapel at Doorn, says a message to the Official German News Agency from Doorn.

Otherwise the ceremony will be confined to members of the family, according to the ex-Kaiser's wishes.—Reuter.

KIRKUK IN BRITISH HANDS

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST RELIABLE NEWS REACHING LONDON THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRAQ APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING FAVOURABLY.

Both at Kirkuk, which is the real centre for the oilfields, and at Mosul, the Iraq authorities seem to be conforming with instructions received from the newly-constituted government at Baghdad.

It appears, therefore, that the important town of Kirkuk is definitely not in rebel hands.—British Wireless.

HMS PERTH BOMBED

A Melbourne press message states Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister of Navy, revealed that during the evacuation from Crete, the cruiser Perth, which transported 1,000 troops, was intensively bombed.

Though she was hit and sustained damage from a near miss she was safe. Four were killed and three injured.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. OFFICER'S CRETE THRILLS

THE THRILLING series of adventures of a Flight Lieutenant in Crete are described in an Air Ministry bulletin, which says that after attacking Maleme airfield in Crete, during which he shot down two enemy aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Honour was himself shot down into the sea.

His plane dived 40 feet below the surface but Honour managed to come to the top and after a four hours' swim reached the coast of Crete. He spent the night in an icy cold cave.

All next day he walked on, spent the night in a disused church and drank from its stagnant well. Next day he found some lentils in a goat herd's hut.

After more tramping he came upon a village. He was given water, goat's milk, cheese and rye bread and was informed that another British pilot, who had been shot down that day, was also in the village.

Friendly discussion proceeded as to whether the villagers should turn them over to the enemy, who were surrounding the village. Already six of the villagers had been shot by the Germans for supposedly withholding information.

Lucky Rescue

They decided, however, to attempt to find their way through the German lines.

After a meal of egg and chips given them by French-speaking peasants they saw at dusk Me. 109's attacking a nearby aerodrome.

They heard an aircraft approaching the island and thought it was German, but on its approach saw it to be a Sunderland.

They signalled with pocket torches in Morse: "R.A.F. here, R.A.F. here."

Though it was a million to one chance the Sunderland pilot would see the signalling, he did so and managed to land and take off the two R.A.F. pilots.

Flight Lieutenant Honour is now back again on duty with his Hurricane squadron and it has just been announced that he has been awarded an immediate bar to the D.F.C.

He has already shot down nine enemy aircraft.—British Wireless.

ASH TRAYS TO WAR SUPPLIES

The King yesterday saw great use being made of plastic work for war production when he visited a war factory in the Home Counties.

The factory, which before the war produced fountain pens, telephone instruments and ash trays, now turns out seats for fighter aeroplanes, wireless containers and other containers for radio equipment in planes.

The King also visited a shell factory where he saw the three millionth shell of a certain type being turned out. His Majesty saw red-hot ingots pulled from the furnace at one end of the factory while at the other end he saw the completed shell. He was told the process occupied only half an hour.—British Wireless.

AIR MARSHAL AT THE PALACE

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore was received in audience by the King yesterday on relinquishing his appointment as Air Officer C-in-C. Middle East Command, R.A.F., to become Inspector-General of the R.A.F. The King invested him with the insignia of the G.C.B.—British Wireless.

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INDIAN NAVAL CHASE OF ITALIANS OFF MASSAWA

HOW A SLOOP of the Royal Indian Navy was responsible for the capture of two Italian islands off Massawa and how a small party from the same vessel chased and finally captured a party of Italian soldiers, including a brigadier-general and a colonel who tried to escape in a dhow, is recounted in a despatch received in Simla yesterday.

The sloop, commanded by an officer from Poona who was the first officer to hold a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve, was ordered after the fall of Massawa, to clean up the islands of Nocra and Dahlak, where the Italians were still in occupation.

Reinforced by three officers and 12 other ranks the sloop proceeded to Nocra, where 900 Italians, Germans and Eritreans capitulated without semblance of a fight.

A number of Abyssinian political prisoners were rescued from the island.

Receiving information here that a party of Federates, well-armed and determined to resist to the death, had made off into the interior of the island of Dahlak, a party from the sloop, consisting of a political officer, two deck officers, two ratings, four soldiers and two guides, set out to intercept the Federates.

After a long search across the dunes they were unable to find the enemy but later the Italians were reported to have put to sea in a dhow in an effort to escape to the Yemen mainland across the Red Sea.

The search party immediately commandeered a fast dhow and set off in pursuit.

One Adventure Of Many

About noon the enemy was sighted and the Indian Navy party brought a machine-gun and four rifles to bear on the fleeing dhow. The enemy surrendered without a fight, the bag including a brigadier-general and a colonel.

This adventure, the despatch adds, was only one of many bold and skilful operations undertaken by the Royal Indian Navy during naval cooperation with the Imperial land forces in the overthrow of Italian power in Eritrea.

These ships helped to open the coast road from Port Sudan leading down to Massawa, transported Indian, British, French and African troops to Mersa Taklai, improvised operational bases on the Eritrean coast, continued to ensure an adequate supply of munitions, food and water to the troops and removed many hundred Italian prisoners as by last on return trips.—Reuter.

NAILING COLOURS TO THE MAST

AT LEAST ONE ITALIAN NAILED HIS COLOURS TO THE MAST DURING THE SOMALI-LAND CAMPAIGN. A BARGE, FLYING A STRANGELY SHAPED FLAG, HAD BEEN SEEN OFF THE COAST JUST BEFORE THE CAPTURE OF KISMAYU. THE PILOT OF A SOUTH AFRICAN RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT PROVIDED THE EXPLANATION LATER.

"I came down to look at the barge," he said, "and as I dived, I saw someone on the deck pull off his shirt and wave it frantically at me."

"When I came back and dived again I noticed that he had nailed his shirt to the mast and was standing on the deck, pointing at it."

The shirt was not the black symbol of Fascism but the white token of surrender.

GREEK PREMIER CONFIDENT

Utter confidence in final victory is expressed by the Greek Prime Minister, M. Tsouderos, in a message from Cairo to the Greek people "because God and Right are with us and Greece cannot die."

The message continues: "The struggle continues. At the side of our great Allies, Greek regiments, warships and aeroplanes are re-organising to fight the enemy wherever he be in order to liberate Greece."

"One million Greeks scattered in the four corners of the earth are collaborating with all their strength."

"Our one aim is to win. We shall win!"—Reuter.

THE SWASTIKA WILL WAVE NO MORE

Four stormy years of waving swastika flags and shouting "Heil" at Camp Nordland, New Jersey, came to an end yesterday with the sale of the camp and surrender of the charter of the German-American Bund in New Jersey State.

The Bund's counsel revealed that the camp was sold for \$23,500 to 217 individual mortgagees and the charter returned to the Secretary of State—a few hours after the New Jersey State Legislature passed a law repealing the charter.—Reuter.

AUTHOR'S 'FAREWELL TO WORLD' LETTER

POLICE SEARCHING FOR MRS. VIRGINIA WOOLF, FIFTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD NOVELIST, MISSING FROM HER HOME AT RODNELL, NEAR LEWES, SUSSEX, HAVE A LETTER WRITTEN BY HER IN WHICH SHE "BIDS THE WORLD FAREWELL."

Footprints leading to the river have provided a clue to her fate. At the bank detectives found her favourite walking-stick without which she never went outside her doors.

The fast flowing tide stopped the police from dragging the river.

SPACIOUS SKATING RINK TO OPEN SOON

ROLLER-SKATING IN THE COLONY HAS COME TO STAY; AND THE LARGEST AND MOST UP TO DATE COMBINED INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RINK WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH, THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNED THIS MORNING FROM THE SPONSORS OF THE PROJECT.

The indoor rink with floor space of some 20,000 square feet will be located on the upper floor of the former Dragon Garage in Happy Valley, while the outdoor rink—some 5,000 square feet—will be situated at the rear of the building, off Blue Pool Road.

The rinks will be fitted out with the most up to date equipment and a modern soda fountain is to be installed, with novelty side-shows.

Other Additions

The project includes a dancing floor and a restaurant but these are to be added later. An air conditioning system may also be installed in future, it was learned.

One of the chief sponsors, Mr. Tsang Fuk-lam, brother of the well-known Dr. Tsang Fuk-cho, stated yesterday that as a result of the anti-tuberculosis movement inaugurated by the Hon. Director of Medical Services, the general public have come to realise the importance of hygiene and

physical culture, especially outdoor recreation.

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Apart from other physical exercises, pointed out Mr. Tsang, roller-skating has become a very popular in Hong Kong, resulting in over 10 skating rinks being opened in the Colony in the past six months. But none have made any provision for rainy days. To meet this need, the spacious indoor rink will be opened soon in Happy Valley.

Both rinks will be able to accommodate some 1,000 patrons. Mr. Tsang concluded that outdoor recreation, such as roller-skating, will contribute a great deal to improving the health of the general public. He conceived the idea of providing a healthy indoor recreation as far back as 1937 when he heard his brother, Dr. Tsang Fuk-cho, voice the necessity of promoting physical culture by means of healthy and wholesome amusements.

MUTT AND JEFF



COMPOSITE AIRCRAFT DAMAGED

The Maia, bottom half of the Mayo composite "pick-a-back" aircraft, has been damaged and rendered unserviceable in a British harbour.

At the beginning of the war the pick-a-back plane, which was one of the world's most expensive aircraft, was released to the Air Ministry for duty with the Royal Air Force Coastal Command, but apart from a few special service flights, she did not take the air often.

Damage to the Maia breaks the partnership with the smaller upper half of the aircraft, Mercury, which went into service with the Imperial Airways before the war following non-stop flights across the Atlantic and to South Africa. — Reuter.

NEW U.S. TREATY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Buenos Aires newspapers yesterday stated that a comprehensive commercial treaty between the United States and Argentina has been virtually completed and will be signed in the near future. In Washington the State Department announced that completion of

NEW YORK MASS FOR BRITAIN

Many distinguished persons were present yesterday at a solemn Pontifical Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, for the people of Britain.

Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, Mr. Wendell Willkie, Governor Lehmann of New York State, Archduke Otto and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennedy were among those attending as well as representatives of South Africa, Canada, Australia and India.

Archbishop Spellman in the course of a striking address said: "Governments of men have stalked-dived into paganism, strangled the Ten Commandments and bombed the Sermon on the Mount."

He read a cable from Cardinal Huxley thanking the American people for their help.

The Rev. Phillip Furlong, President of the Cathedral College of New York, in the course of a sermon said that the bombing of Westminster Abbey "produced in most Americans a special sense of injury." — Reuter.

the commercial negotiations will await a public hearing on June 10. The treaty will be in effect a reciprocal trade pact.

Similar negotiations are under way with Uruguay. — International News Service.

POLISH FORCES READY

General Sikorski's visit to the United States and his conversation with President Roosevelt aroused great enthusiasm in Poland, declared the Polish Commander-in-Chief in a statement on the results of his American tour to the Polish National Council in London yesterday.

The Polish President, M. Raczewski, and all members of the Government were present. General Sikorski was welcomed by the acting Vice-Chairman of the National Council, Dr. Lieberman, well-known Polish Socialist leader.

General Sikorski said Polish pilots and sailors were on active service and the Polish Brigade in the Middle East under the command of General Wavell has taken up its position.

Polish forces which were defending an important sector of Britain could easily be enlarged by new recruits from Polish manpower in the Western Hemisphere.

The organisation of Polish military training camps in Canada therefore had become an acute problem and the Polish Government had decided to spend part of its gold reserves for this object.

The first large comfortable camp will be established at Owen Sound, Ontario, and the second in Windsor. General Sikorski hoped the Polish forces might further be enlarged next year in readiness for offensive action on the Continent.

He paid a warm tribute to the assistance the United States is giving the Allies and expressed sincere belief that the unlimited potentialities of the United States war industry would bring victory. — Reuter.

MARKING TIME ON STOCK MARKET

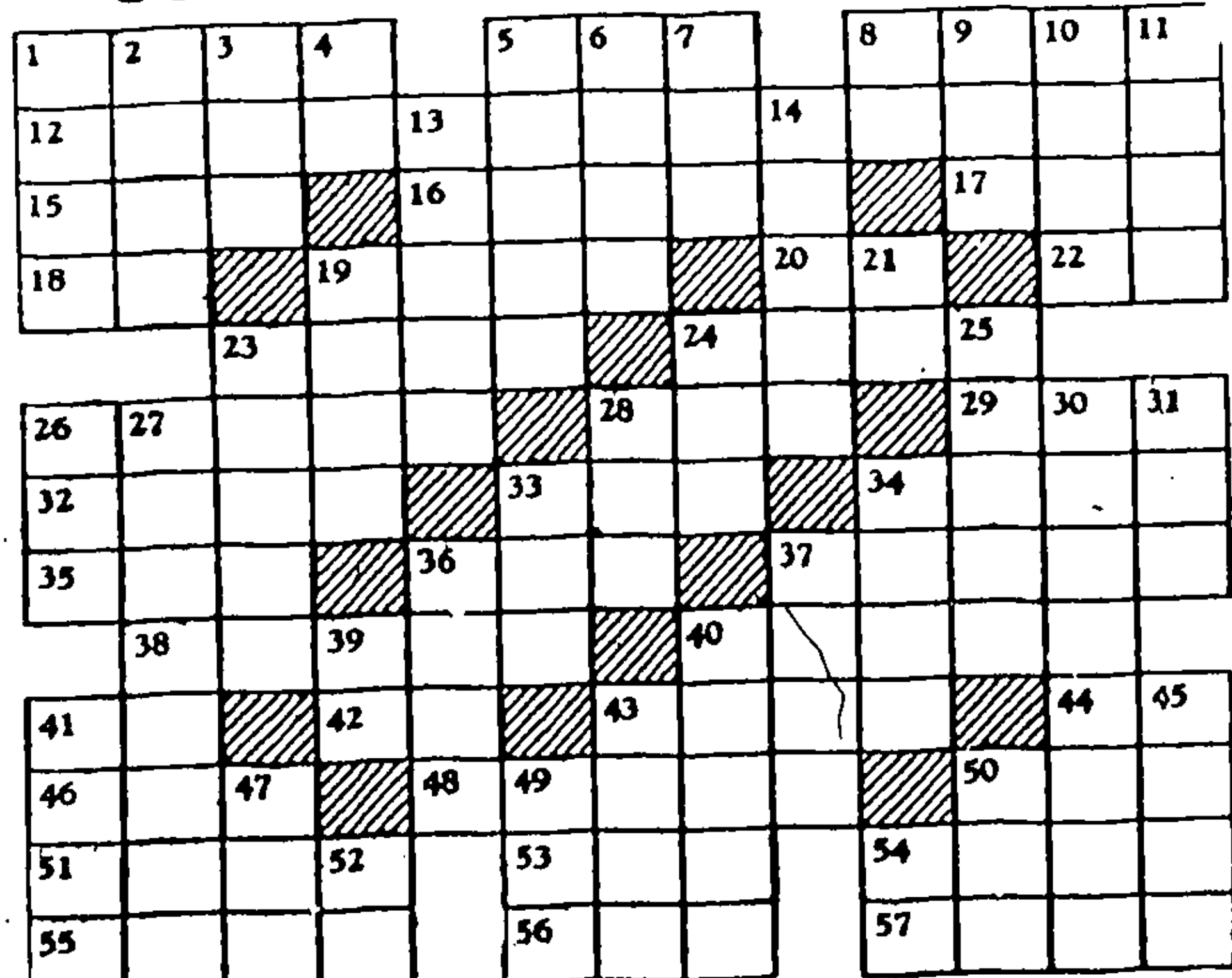
The London Stock Exchange was narrowly irregular yesterday, operators tending to mark time in view of the eastern Mediterranean uncertainty. Gilt-edged securities were fractionally lower and Industrials irregular. B.A.T.'s were 84s 4d against 87s 6d on the reduction of the interim dividend from 9d to 7d, while stores' again were lower. There was some improvement in Kafirs where the Cape bought non-producers. Oils occasionally suffered minor losses. Wall Street was dull. — Reuter.

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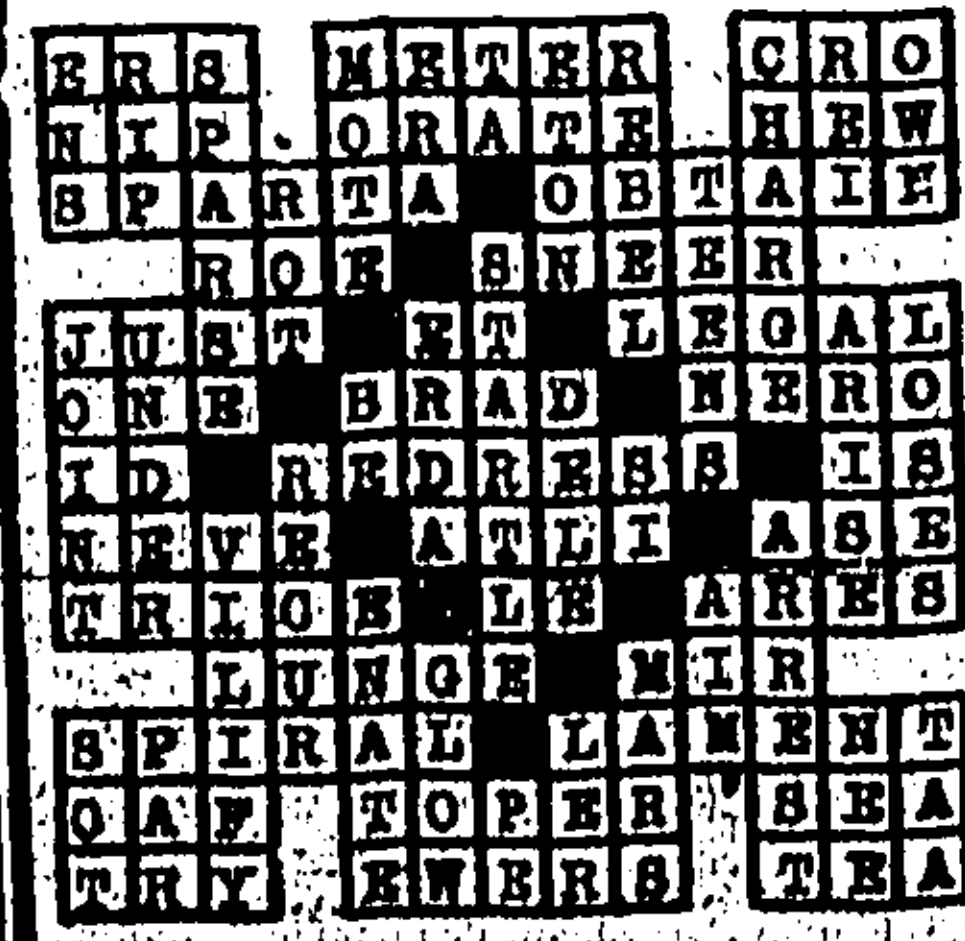
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Discount
- 5 Man's name
- 8 Novel by Zola
- 12 Listless
- 15 Cravat
- 16 Coquette
- 17 Poetic: it is
- 18 Preposition
- 19 Solar disc
- 20 Hawaiian bird
- 22 Seal
- 23 Always
- 24 State of affairs
- 26 Mexican gentleman
- 28 To place
- 29 To imitate
- 32 To conspire
- 33 Nave of a wheel
- 34 Among
- 35 Isle
- 36 Craze
- 37 Composed
- 38 Poetic: cold
- 40 Mountain in Arabia
- 41 Prefix: two
- 42 Teutonic deity
- 43 Mexican coin
- 44 French article

VERTICAL

- 1 Feminine singing voice
- 2 Profit
- 3 Frozen water
- 4 Colloquial: fine
- 5 Lazy person
- 6 Precipitation
- 7 Atmosphere
- 8 Symbol for nickel
- 9 To behave

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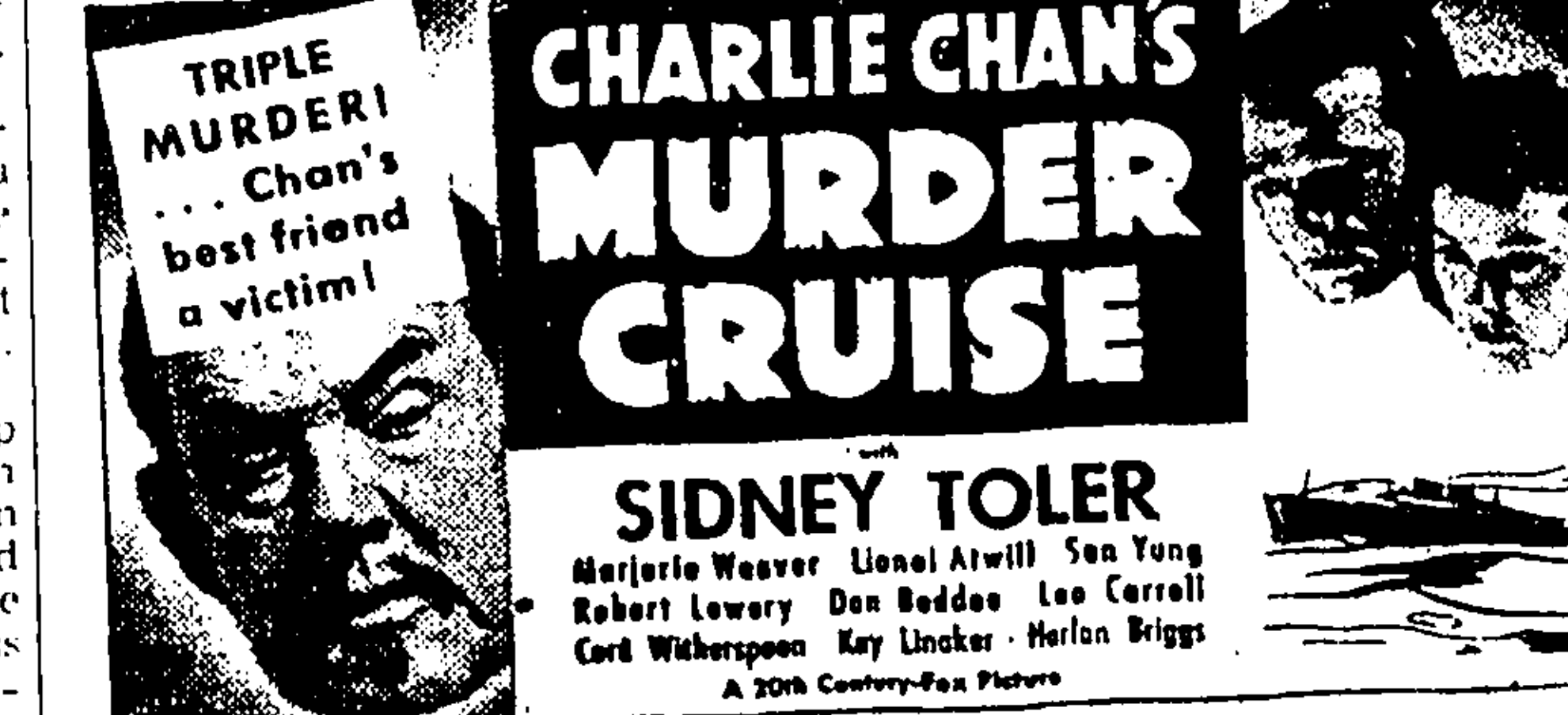
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SCIENCE PUTTING BACTERIA ON THE SPOT

(By A Scientific Correspondent)

THE OFFICIAL NEWS that "other devices" are responsible for the downfall of German aircraft is evidence that our scientists are applying their skill and knowledge to the problems of offence and defence.

In war time, science, as a whole, necessarily devotes its attention to such problems, many of which, however, will have lasting application in peace time as, for example, the disinfection of air-raid shelters.

Intensive work on the problem of slaying harmful airborne bacteria in shelters has resulted in useful knowledge of the correct size of particle in the "mist" or "spray" of disinfectant used. Large-scale experiments have been made at Marble Arch and Bond Street Tube stations.

100 Per Cent. Lethal

Different disinfectants need different sizes of particle to be fully effective and much of the hand spraying at present carried out is probably ineffective because of the incorrect size of the particles formed in the spray.

These experiments have also shown that "smokes" produced by smouldering materials are highly lethal to some bacteria, but, unfortunately, the smokes formed by resins, cotton and wood, etc., are irritant to humans.

It is interesting to note that incense smoke is 100 per cent. lethal to certain bacteria within 30 minutes when 1 gram (approximately 1-30th oz.) is smouldered in 120 million litres of air.

Another shelter problem successfully solved is that of combating lice and other parasites which thrive under the prevailing conditions.

What was needed was something to apply to head or clothing which would kill lice and yet remain active for some time. The result of experiments is a fine powder called A.L. 63, the formula of which is at present secret.

Rubbed into clothing, this powder is difficult to shake off and lice die on it. The powder remains active for about a week.

Shirts Lice-Proof

Other scientists have produced a liquid insecticide (again the formula is secret) which is so effective that, applied to a shirt, it renders it lice-proof for about a month.

It is much better, of course, for people to change and wash their clothing frequently than to use insecticides, but shelter life makes this difficult for many.

Scientists, however, are not entirely occupied with war-like experiments. It is well known that iron and steel are used to reinforce concrete, but not so well known that glass can be used for the same purpose. Experiments have given interesting results on this, and further work promises well.

It looks as though good use might be made of the tons of broken glass occasioned by the blitz!

Not less important is the discovery that certain animal extracts contain substances which increase the permeability of some of the layers of the skin to injected fluids.

Skin Ailments

One of the problems of treating skin ailments is to obtain permeability. Recent work has shown that these extracts possess the property of invading much larger areas of skin.

Known as diffusing factors or spreading factors, substances with similar properties have been found in snake venom, leech extracts and malignant tumours.

The spreading action is attributed to what is known as mucinase. The importance of this work, steadily prosecuted even in war time, is obvious and a credit to British science.

BEER IN A HOSPITAL

It was a shock for the all-women staff of the South London Women's Hospital when they learned that for the first time in the history of this voluntary hospital, men patients were to be admitted.

It was a surprise, too, for the men, some of them air raid casualties. But now the male patients are so happy that some of them want to stay for the duration.

The women doctors, nurses and rest of the staff soon adapted themselves to the sudden change. A special ward away from the women's and children's wards was set up.

Beer With Lunch

And the matron, determined to make the men comfortable in strange surroundings, arranged for them to have beer with their lunch.

The men have great faith in the staff. One man on whom a woman surgeon operated to remove a bomb fragment said: "You've done a wonderful job, doctor."

The patients play darts or billiards with the nurses when they are off duty.

One man told me: "I've been in four hospitals but never struck one like this. Everyone is wonderfully kind."

GIVEN WRONG COAT

Mrs. Noreen Harbord, twenty-six-year-old society woman, of Harrington gardens, Kensington, S.W., was acquitted at Bow Street Police Court recently on a charge of stealing a fur coat worth £100 from the Hungaria Restaurant, London, W.

It was stated that she had been given the wrong coat by a cloakroom attendant and, discharging her, the magistrate said the evidence did not quite satisfy him that she knew she had another person's coat.

DIED WITH A SMILE

Among casualties of a recent raid taken into a voluntary hospital in London was a badly injured child, who plainly had not long to live.

In the ward the matron bent over her bed. "If you had one wish, what would you like most in all the world?" she asked.

The eyes of the little patient lit up. "A bottle of lemonade through a straw," she whispered.

The bottle of lemonade was obtained from a coffee stall and eventually a straw was secured.

The child had her drink through the straw and died at dawn with a smile on her face.

CLOTHES TO BE RATIONED IN BRITAIN

THE GENERAL system of clothes rationing just introduced into Britain is very much the same as the German, according to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, both being based on freedom of spending by coupons and mainly having no relation to the price paid for articles.

A point of difference is that boots and shoes are not included in the German special rules, whereby a permit is needed, and owing to the leather shortage is not easy to obtain.

As the total of coupon points is different in the two countries the only possible method of comparison is by percentage of coupon points available.

Thus in Britain an overcoat needs 29.1 per cent of total coupons while in Germany 37.3 up to 80 per cent is needed, the amount varying with the type of coat required, raincoats being covered by a lower amount.

Britons Better Off

Other percentages are: men's three-piece suit, Britain 47.3, Germany 55.3; woollen shirt, Britain 14.6, Germany 10; other

shirts, Britain 9.1, Germany 9.9; socks, Britain 5.5, Germany 2.7 to four, according to the material used.

Women's overcoats, Britain 25.5, Germany 28.7 to 50 per cent; stockings, Britain 3.6, Germany 2.7.

General conclusion is that the British consumer is better off in protective outer garments, including those made of wool, and the German can obtain a larger quantity of low quality underwear, particularly hosiery, the latter because Germany produces most of her own synthetic material while Britain has to import cottons and the like.

It is estimated that a British suit is likely to last three times as long as the German, owing to the superior material used, not only in cloth but also accessories. — British Wirelss.

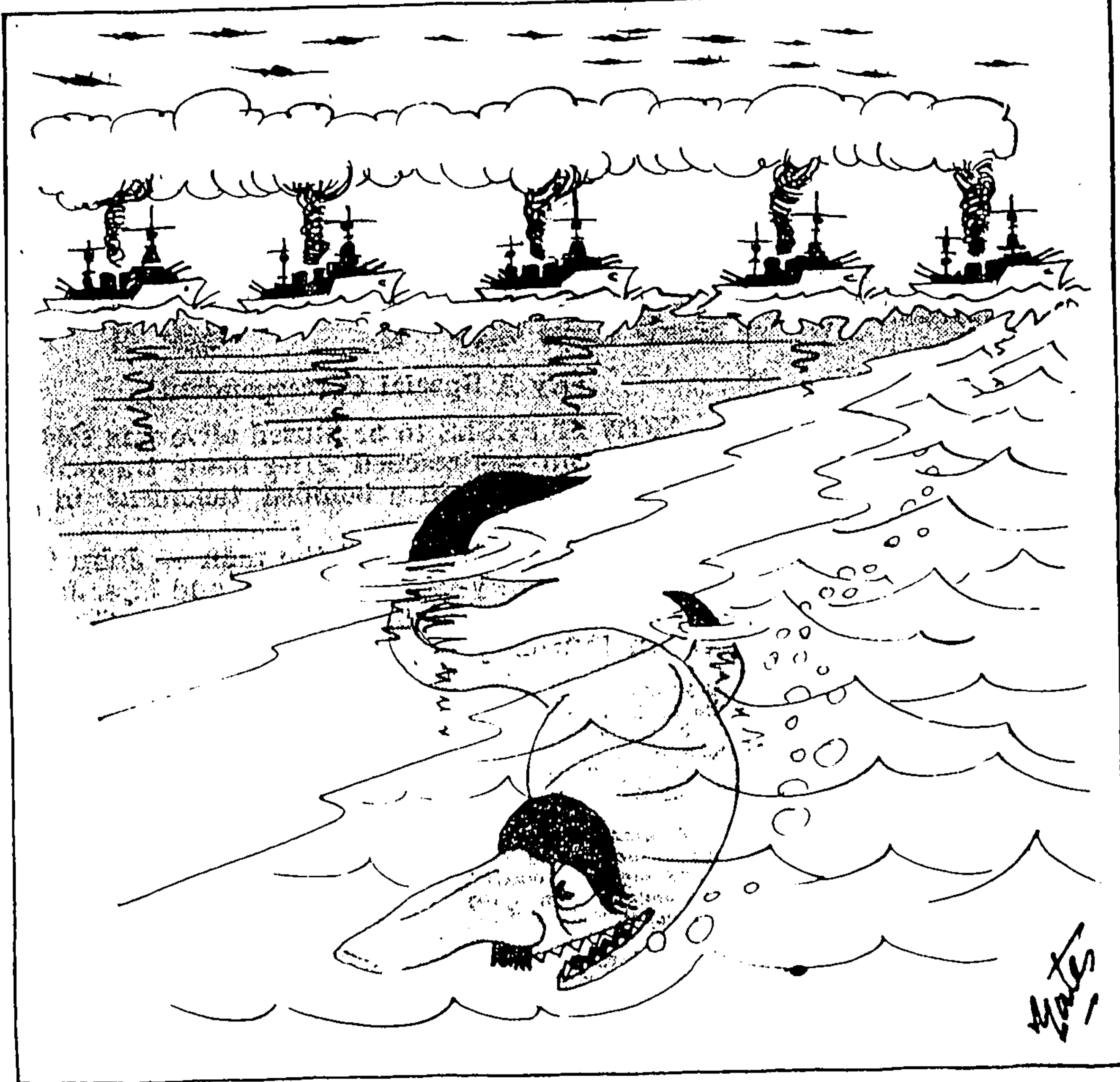
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HIMMLER IN NORWAY

Major Vidkun Quisling, regarded as a traitor by the great mass of Norwegians, is finding out that as a Nazi agent he has not been sufficiently tough. His fellow-countrymen scorned his edicts as Hitler's Gauleiter in Oslo, ignored his propaganda efforts and booed his public meetings. He had to appeal to Berlin for help. In response they sent Himmler to show him how to operate. Information from western Norway getting out through Stockholm now tells of terror exceeding anything previously experienced throughout that region; of man hunts to seize actual and potential opponents and of an increasing number of suicides. Such are Himmler's methods and the results they bring.

Throughout Germany since Hitler came to power, and throughout the countries overswept by nazism since, there are countless gravestones as testimony to the ruthlessness of Heinrich Himmler. He is an epitome of the brutality which has disgraced the party movement from the beginning. He originated the Nazi torture chambers. He dotted the Reich with concentration camps. With every Nazi excess his influence has grown, so that in certain eventualities he may become the most powerful man in Germany. He commands all the police and the black-uniformed Schutzstaffel regiments, which rank on an equality with the army. Most sinister of all, he heads the Gestapo, the secret police feared by great and small.

When Austria fell, Himmler's Gestapo arrived alongside of, and in some cases even ahead of, the invading troops. Since then, the Gestapo has moved into Poland, Belgium and the Netherlands. Now it is Norway's turn. Application of the Himmler methods will not be easy in a country of widely dispersed villages, poor communications and imbued with a wholesome hatred of spies and spying. But the efficiency of the Gestapo machine is undeniable. Its progress in Norway is being marked by a new trail of blood and suffering.



THE MENACE

British Stage Shares War Effort

By
Clifford Webb

When the blitz cracked down on London's night life and sent the stoppers-out to shelters instead of stalls, a number of the best-known West-End theatrical companies, packed up and went out into the provinces on tour.

They made what appeared to be a wise move.

After all, it was no good even the bravest playing to empty houses. While London was the target, the provincial cities staged a minor theatrical boom.

Before long the blitz shifted and spread. One night it was the turn of Cardiff, busy-humming commercial city of South Wales. To hear the sirens. There was still half an hour to go before the evening performance was due to begin, but already the local theatre was half-filled.

When the anti-aircraft guns started to thump the customers exchanged anxious glances.

As it turned out there was little they could do. The man on the door came in with the news that incendiaries were showering. Already there was a ring of fire around the theatre. Safer for everybody to stay put.

Behind the curtain the company had already decided to carry on with the show. Two of the actors, presumably cut off by the fires had not turned up. Understudies were pressed into service.

There was a feverish five-minute rehearsal, while bombs and guns pounded away. The curtain went up to the feeble applause of a fearful, yet far from panic-stricken audience.

Now let Leslie Banks, star of the show, and British soldier in the last War take up the story.

"The first 20 minutes was a jumble. The fact that we had two understudies making their debut under fire, not at all sure of their parts and quite naturally a bit jumpy kept the minds of the rest of the company from thinking about the probability of a bomb hit on the theatre.

"Slowly we were winning the confidence of the audience, but things looked pretty grim when a couple of high explosives fell near enough to rock the theatre on its foundations.

"Then there occurred one of those happy coincidences. Just as a particularly big wallop sounded I had to say, 'Well, I think I'd better be going now.'

A Grand Giggle

"Somebody out in front giggled. Then everybody laughed. I think the company would have gone on while the theatre burned after that. It was a grand giggle.

"And it couldn't have happened at a better time. The next bomb was the nearest. The big outer doors of the theatre through which the scenery is taken blew in with a crash. Every door on the set was flung violently open. The scenery hook like leaves in the wind.

"Wonder of wonders. My line to coincide with this was 'Don't worry about that now, I'll clear it up in the morning.'

"The tension definitely broke at that. Everybody roared. The audience cheered almost every word in the show from then on. It was more like a gala night."

Actors and audience finally got out near midnight. There was no show the next day, while repairs to the theatre were put in hand, but on the following day the company played to a bumper matinee audience.

Before the end of the week, despite further raids, the business was as good as it had ever been.

Acting in the blitz certainly has its moments in Britain. But fortunately most of the theatres which have been badly damaged have been hit while they were empty.

The blitz hardly ever shuts a show. Stage folk have found that one wisecrack is worth any amount of speeches from serious-faced managers. The spirit of George Robey, who calmed a badly frightened audience in London during the last War by rolling his eyes upwards and murmuring "shur-rup" as a zeppelin bomb fell too close for comfort, still lives behind the footlights.

Quite a crowd of British actors and actresses have actually courted danger and acute discomfort by enrolling with the Entertainment's National Service Association (ENSA), the organisation responsible for carrying the theatre to Army and Air Force camps, to Naval barracks and to arms and munitions factories.

The experiences of these hitherto soft-living, pampered idols of the fans form a worth-while chapter for inclusion in any modern history of the theatre.

Concert Parties Gunned

They drive hundreds of miles in black-out conditions during the

depths of a hard winter to stage shows bang in the middle of red-hot Army targets.

Sing-song parties have been machine-gunned along the roads and forced to crawl under their wagons for shelter. When the raiders have passed they have gone on to play in front of bullet-ridden scenery in crude hut-theatres but before audiences of troops who have loved every minute of the show.

One party stopped when a low-flying aeroplane appeared to be about to land, thinking the pilot might be a Britisher in need of assistance. As soon as they were spotted, however, they were fired on.

They hopped back into their car and made for the nearest police station.

Their directions helped the police and military authorities to capture the crew of a disabled German bomber which had been eventually forced land a few miles away.

They frequently dress in tents, by candle light, in stables, cowsheds, or any place that is handy.

Some of the ENSA artists playing to the fighting services in Britain now, underwent their baptism of fire in France during the terrible winter that preceded the German "push."

They played, over there, in chapels, churches, bakeries and even in country inns. But even France had nothing quite so grim to offer as dressing accommodation as the building recently turned over to an ENSA party "Somewhere in England." The building was a mortuary!

A stage comprising boards precariously perched on barrels is no isolated experience.

A girl from one company which recently put over a show on a crude stage of this kind said afterwards, "It was a bit hard on the tap-dancer, but we go through O.K. If anybody had played, 'Roll out the Barrel,' I think I should have screamed."

Billets for which advance arrangements can be made are not always easy to find. Frequently it is necessary to make long night tramps looking for accommodation, which may be reduced to one small room for five girls.

One party found that the only available place in which to stay for the few days during which their show was scheduled to run was a small room in the tiny cottage of an old lady who lived alone.

During the first night the old lady was taken ill. So, for the whole period the artists took it on themselves to nurse her and to look after themselves. This, in spite of the fact that all the water had to be carried from a well some distance away.

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BURIED EIGHT DAYS, "I MADE BEST OF IT"

(By A Special Correspondent)

HOW IT FEELS to be buried alive was told by the man who was rescued after being trapped for eight days in bed in a bombed tenement in the Glasgow area.

"I'm feeling fine now," the man — John Cormack, aged twenty-two, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cormack, of Dagenham — told me in Glasgow Western Infirmary.

Day and night were all the same to him as he lay wrapped in blankets like a mummy. Deciding "to make the best of the situation," he kept his eyes shut all the time.

"A crash almost threw me out of bed," said Cormack. "I found my head was trapped by a wooden beam lying across the room."

"I could move my arms, but not my legs, which were wrapped in bedclothes like a mummy."

"I was relieved to find that I had not been hurt. Although my throat was choked with dust and I was conscious of a smell of gas, I felt there was no immediate danger."

Helpless

"It was dark all around me. When I realised I was helpless I just decided to make the best of the situation."

"I felt no pain. I did not feel thirsty or hungry."

"I could hear people in the building calling for help and I recognised the voice of Constable Clark, a fellow lodger, complaining that something was jamming his legs."

"I must have fallen asleep after that. I do not know when I awakened but night and day were all the same to me now. I just kept my eyes shut all the time."

"Must Be Patient"

"I remember Clark calling out: 'Do you hear the sirens again?' That meant that that conversation my first and last—was on the night after we were bombed."

"My mind adjusted itself to this way of thinking: 'I am going to be saved. I must have patience.'"

"I am sorry Constable Clark did not share my good luck."

Clark died soon after being rescued. He had been entombed for seven and a half days.

Cormack, ship's plumber, was working with a Clydeside ship-building firm.

SAYS MEN HAVE 'TURK COMPLEX'

Much opposition to family allowances was due to the "Turk" complex among men, said Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., in London recently.

"The man who is really a tyrant," she said, "rejoices in the tremendous control which the holding of the purse strings gives him."

"The man who is not a tyrant likes to picture himself with a wife and children clinging to him as the giver of all good things."

Miss Rathbone said that she favoured a State-supported flat rate allowances scheme of 5s. or 6s. a week for all children under fifteen. If this were not possible she would welcome a scheme for allowances which began with the second child.

"And we ought to fight like tigers to get these allowances paid to the mother," she added.

Miss Rathbone said that a State scheme of 5s. per child for all under fifteen would cost £132,000,000 a year, or £118,000,000 after allowing for all existing allowances.

VICAR'S LOVE ADVICE TO WAR BRIDES

"An exceptionally large number of young people are being married at the present time and for the great majority of these birth prevention will begin with the first night of marriage," states the Rev. Geoffrey H. T. Pedley, Vicar of St. Thomas's, Coventry.

"One cannot but deplore so widespread and radical an interference with nature which, if persisted in, could scarcely conduce to human happiness and well-being."

"It is surely obvious that nature's intention is to lead to parenthood."

"What I am pleading for is that when more normal times return there should be a return also to a more normal and natural way of living. I am certain that the real cause of the trouble lies in our present social and economic conditions."

MAIN BATTLE WILL BE IN AIR

The main battle, whatever happened, must be fought in the air, said the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Lang, when he referred in a sermon at Hawkinge parish church, near Folkestone, to the possibility of invasion. The Air Force knew this and would be ready.

"Be ye also ready," said the Archbishop, giving Britain's civil population the watchword, "at this fateful time in our history."

"Our enemy is making great preparations across the narrow seas, just as 137 years ago our forefathers watched the preparations of the great Napoleon," he continued.

"We know not when or whence the attack may come, but what is certain is that, if it ever comes, it is on the coasts of Kent that we must bear one of the fiercest brunts of the assault."

ENGINEERING — BY COLOUR

Matching colours is more in a woman's line than choosing a drill to bore a hole of a given size.

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SHELTER SHUFFLE

WHEN WORKMEN ARRIVED WITH MATERIALS TO BUILD A SURFACE AIR-RAID SHELTER IN SAYER STREET, WALTHAM, LONDON, S.E., RESIDENTS RAISED THEIR EYEBROWS.

After all, they had shelters at the back of their tenement homes. There was more than enough room for everybody. Then eyebrows went a little higher, for laying the concrete foundation of the shelter the workmen dug it up, and started to relay it round the corner in Lion Street—less than twenty yards away.

Explanation. — "At the last minute," said an official of Southwark Borough Council, "the Traffic Controller decided that Sayer Street must be kept free from obstruction in case of bomb damage at the Elephant and Castle. Yes, it is a pity they didn't decide earlier. This is the first time that we have slipped up."

Workman's comment. — "Good job they decided to move the shelter before the concrete had set."

Ratepayer's grouse. — "There's no need for the shelter, anyway."

TWO OF THE LUCKIEST MEN

Two of the luckiest men in the world... Here are their stories.

A CITIZEN OF CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, decided after spending the night in a local pub that he needed some sleep. Some time later he was found by a cruising patrol on the railroad track. He was still asleep, with his shoe neatly clipped up close to the toe-nail.

Police said an engine had sliced the shoe away from his toe—and left him sleeping.

Gust of Wind

Caught by a sudden gust of wind, John Barrett fell from an eleven-storey building in New York while raising a flag.

Crowds in the street below screamed and covered their eyes. A split-second later they heard Barrett shout. He had landed, wrapped in his flag, on the leather top of a parked motor-car. Doctors say that Barrett, who is twenty-six, has a good chance of recovery.

NAVY RING BURIED 19 YEARS IN YANGTZE RIVER

(By BESSIE HACKETT)

ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO a young ensign, fresh out of Annapolis, lost his class ring while serving his first tour of duty in China. He searched, but when he sailed back to the United States, his ring was still "somewhere in China."

To-day that ring is on its way back to its owner, Lieut. Comdr. Donald Francis Smith, commandant of Floyd Bennett airport in New York. The ring arrived in Manila recently in the possession of Lieutenant (jg) William J. Lederer Jr., who rescued it from a Chinese who claimed to have fished it out of the Yangtze river, where it had apparently lain for about 19 years.

Last December this Chinese was visited by misfortune when his coal junk sank in the rapids of the Yangtze river. Dredging to recover his lost cargo, the Chinese spied in one load of coal and sand a glittering object which he recognized as a navy ring. He took the ring to the coast, of the USS Tutuila, anchored on the Yangtze river at Chungking, and suggested that perhaps one of the officers would care to buy it. Approached by the cook, Lieutenant Lederer recovered the ring by paying the Chinese approximately ten dollars gold.

Despite the years it has been knocked around in China or been buried in the silt of the Yangtze river, the ring is in good condition. Set with a translucent, sea-green stone, the engraving is clear and identifies it as belonging to the class of 1921. Inside is etched "Donald Francis Smith, United States Navy."

Odd Coincidence

Lieutenant Lederer has communicated with Lieut. Comdr. Smith and will deliver the ring to him in New York when he reports for duty to his new station in Kearney, New Jersey, in July.

An odd coincidence is the fact Lieutenant Lederer lost his own class ring while on duty in Chungking this past year.

'TOTAL NEW ORDER' CALLED NAZI AIM

The semi-official commentary Dienst am Deutschland discussing what it called British reports that Germany has certain obscure designs concerning Spain, Portugal, and Turkey, coined the phrase: "The new unified European order is indivisible."

The commentary said the war had started as internal differences between Poland and Germany, but had grown into "a war for a total European new order," and added:

"Unification of the continent as the most important fruit of the war must, according to the German conviction be total, and (something) from which no land can hold aloof."

"All countries of the continent, including those which stand indecisively between the fronts, in this respect face fundamental decisions."—Associated Press.



Ruth Hussey, rising M-G-M featured player, has just been picked by University of Michigan alumni as their "ideal girl." Miss Hussey is from Providence, R. I., and her outstanding 1940 role of the past year was in "The Philadelphia Story."

ISLAND TAKES FIVE HUNS

While Devon fishermen and their families looked on, five German airmen were landed from a naval patrol vessel on the little stone quay at Appledore and taken away to be interned.

They had been captured by the handful of people eight or nine men and their wives and two land girls, who form the population of Lundy Island, in the Bristol Channel. Their bomber crashed there after being shot down.

The plane, a Heinkel 111 twin-engined bomber, was burnt to scrap. The crew escaped injury, but though armed, they had no fight left in them when the islanders went out in a body to round them up.

"They seemed terribly frightened about what we would do to them," an islander said. "We gave them food and kept them in a barn until the naval vessel arrived."

HE GIVES G.M. TO HIS MEN

A former deputy-chief A.R.P. warden, awarded the George Medal for rescuing people from wrecked buildings and for dangerous work in bomb disposal, has given it to the men who manned his post.

He is Philip D. Whitting, of Hammersmith, W., now a pilot officer in the R.A.F.

"It belongs to them as much as it does to me," he says. The medal is to be framed and exhibited in turn at all the A.R.P. posts in the Hammersmith district. This will be inscribed in the frame:

"This medal, awarded to a Hammersmith warden, is a tribute to the splendid spirit and unselfish cooperation displayed by members of all A.R.P. services."

"It belongs to all of you who worked day in, day out, for the safety of the borough."

DIED WITH BLITZ VICTIM IN ARMS

An A.F.S. man was found in a wreckage filled room with his arms round the woman he had climbed in to save.

He had been killed as he was carrying her through the door way to safety.

That story lies behind the formal announcement that the King has commended Auxiliary Fireman W. G. Perry

B.B.C. WAIVE WEDDING BAR

The B.B.C. marriage "bar" to women members of their staff has been waived for the duration.

Before the war, members of the staff wishing to marry had to obtain permission. Cases were considered by a board and if applicants had key positions, and it was considered their domestic life would not interfere with their jobs, permission was granted.

Now that the "bar" has been lifted, a large number of B.B.C. girls have married, and some already married are being taken on.

NEW-TYPE CARRIER AHOPE FOR BRITAIN

The U.S. Navy's experiment in converting a standard cargo vessel into an aircraft carrier was viewed by unofficial observers as a possible future boon to Britain's raid-menaced shipping.

If the new carrier proved successful, it was suggested, Great Britain might receive a number of these craft to carry fighter planes which could combat German bombers preying on North Atlantic shipping.

Pursuit planes operating from such a carrier also might locate German submarines and attack them with depth charges.

Experimental Carrier

The U.S. Navy recently disclosed that the 7,886-ton Mormacmail was being converted at Newport News, Va., into an experimental carrier, but officials of the department declined to discuss possible expansion of the conversion programme. In other quarters, however, there were reports that from 16 to 30 such carriers might be developed. The Navy acquired the Mormacmail from the Mormack Line at a cost of nearly \$3,000,000. It is one of the Maritime Commission's standard C-3 type vessels.

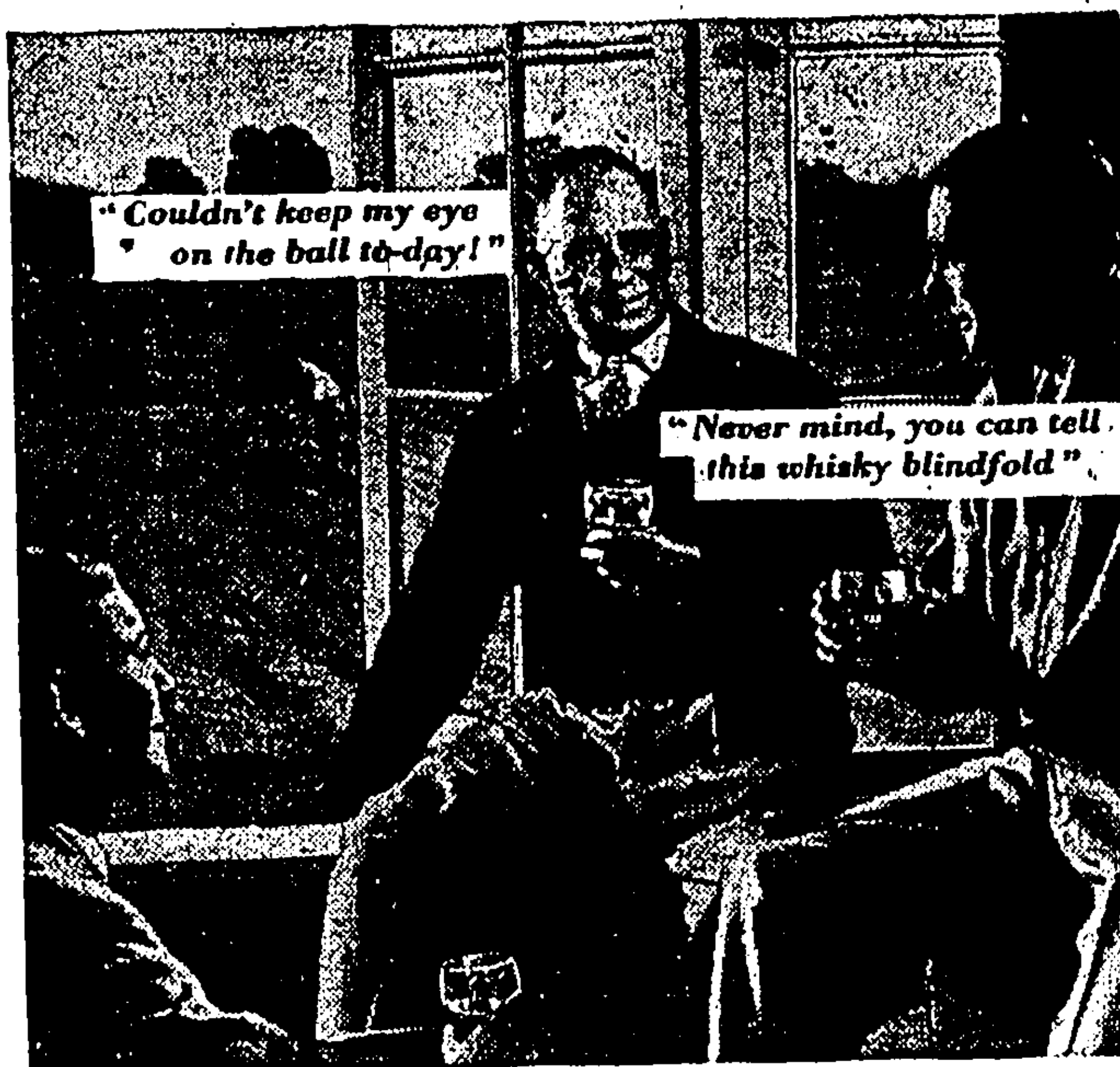
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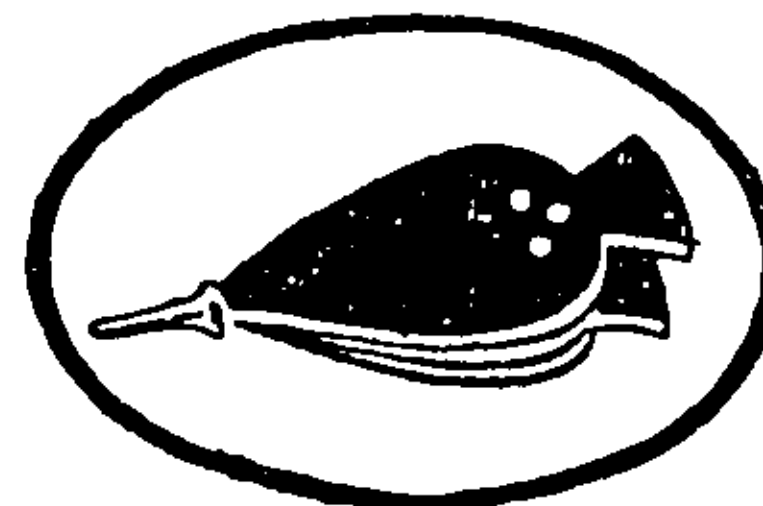
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The SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 10th July, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 3rd July to the 24th July inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 14th May, 1941.

GROUSE?--
TELL THE
PRIVATE

If the British Army has "any complaints" in future, it knows where it can address them. Not any longer to the orderly officer, but to the private whom it has appointed to the messing committee.

An Army Order just issued brings into being men's messing committees for every unit in the Army and establishes nationally a scheme which has operated with great success in individual regiments for some time.

Each week a private from each company of the unit will meet under the chairmanship of the second-in-command to discuss food.

The past week's meals will be earnestly debated, the coming week's menus planned, with an eye to the budget, the market and the men's fads and fancies.

One other man will attend these meetings-- the cook-sergeant.

Individuals reluctant to voice complaints to an officer will have no hesitation in letting their fellow-private know what they think of the food.

He can pass on their suggestions and likes and dislikes without giving the impression that he is a grouser.

Compliments and complaints will go further than the second-in-command, for the Order requires that minutes shall be kept for production to catering advisers when they are visiting units.

TRAPPED
DOG LIVES
14 DAYS

WORMING HIS WAY THROUGH THE WRECKAGE OF HIS BOMBED HOME IN BRISTOL, EX-SERVICEMAN NELSON WOODHAMS FED WITH EGG AND BRANDY HIS PET TERRIER WHICH HAD BEEN TRAPPED THERE FOR FOURTEEN DAYS

Meanwhile, men from a demolition squad toiled for hours to release the dog, which was pinned in the cellar with a beam across its back.

As Mr. Woodhams entered his temporary home, he called out tenderly, "It's all right, chum. Father's here," and, whimpering with excitement, Prince, his black terrier, staggered into his arms.

The dog has created a record for, according to a P.D.S.A. official, until now the maximum time a dog has been known to live without water is eleven days.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents,
Hong Kong, 4th June, 1941.

BRIDGE
NOTES

A GOOD DOUBLE

By The Four Aces

South was as much astonished as downcast at what happened to his not unreasonable bid. With as much high-card strength as the enemy, and playing at a trump of his own choice he could win only four out of the thirteen tricks!

West, Dealer
North South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ K 7 3
♥ Q 9 8 4
♦ 8 3
♣ A 7 6 3

WEST

♠ 10 8 4
♥ K 5 2
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ K 8 4

EAST

♠ A Q J 6
♥ A J 10 6
♦ 6 2
♣ J 10 9

SOUTH

♠ 9 5 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A K J 9 5
♣ Q 6 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	2♣
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West's double was a very fine one. He knew that East held

a near-minimum opening bid; but with such excellent diamonds behind a player who apparently feared to bid on the first round, he thought he could collect a penalty.

The play proved him a good prophet. West opened the ten of spades, and the defenders rattled off three tricks in that suit. East then led the Jack of Clubs, South played the Queen, and West's King forced out dummy's Ace.

A heart was returned from dummy, and East's ten held. East led a trump, and South took his Ace. South led his other heart hoping to ruff later rounds of hearts with his small trumps. But East took the heart and led another trump through.

South finessed the Diamond Jack, and west took the Queen and returned a club. East took his two club tricks and led the last spade. When the smoke cleared, South was down four tricks for a penalty of 1100 points!

* * *

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ J 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 6

The bidding:

Schenck	Jacoby	Maier	You
INT	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. Your hand is too weak to "stand" for the double of one no-trump, so you must bid your longest suit as a rescue. There is no need to bid the major rather than the minor suit, since a double of one no-trump does not anticipate a takeout and is therefore not necessarily best prepared for a major suit.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 20% for one spade, 10% for pass.

Question No. 734

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 9 3 2
♥ Q 5
♦ J 8 3 2
♣ J 6 3

The bidding:

Schenck	Maier	Jacoby	You
INT	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer: 1♠ or 1♥.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

"NAVY JACK"
GOT TWO
GERMANS

While the countryside was lit up by the red glow of a blazing German bomber shot down in a raid on Bristol, John Palmer, fifty-seven-year-old cabinet-maker, spotted two parachutes falling.

He ran across fields, found two Germans, and seized their revolvers. Then he took them in charge.

Mr. Palmer is called Navy Jack, because he is reputed far and wide as the toughest man in his native village.

He had no gun with which to challenge the Germans, but that didn't worry him at all, he told a reporter recently.

Heaven Help Them

"Heaven help any of these blighters if they try anything on with me," he said.

"I had been out firewatching, and was just having a cup of cocoa when the boys came rushing in to tell me parachutists were coming down.

"I led a party on to the moors to look for them. I got separated from the others because I jumped a big ditch that was too much for some of the young ones.

"I heard two Jerries talking under a hedge, so I put my hand in my coat pocket and walked right up to them pointing my finger through my coat. 'Hands up,' I shouted, prodding them in the ribs with my fingers.

"I searched them and found they had one revolver between them, so I borrowed it.

"Then a young Home Guard and some other men came up to help me."

IN FULL KIT,
SAVED BOY

Dressed in full Home Guard uniform, with his gas mask, steel helmet and pack, George Hardy, age forty-seven, Hayes, Middlesex, plunged into the River Brent at Greenford to rescue a ten-year-old boy.

Then, drenched and practically exhausted, he was taken home in a dust-cart.

"It was all in a day's work," was Mr. Hardy's only comment.

His wife told a reporter: "He had been at work on Wednesday, on Home Guard duty on Wednesday night, and at work all day Thursday before the rescue.

"He was cycling home from work when he heard children screaming. He saw a child nearly drowning and rushed to the rescue.

"He has gone to work again to-day."

16,
CLUBBED
SEVEN MEN

Twenty strokes with the birch and three years Borstal was the sentence passed at the Old Bailey on a youth, now seventeen, who laid in wait in a dark passage for men returning home with their wages, struck seven down with a wooden pickaxe, shaft and robbed them.

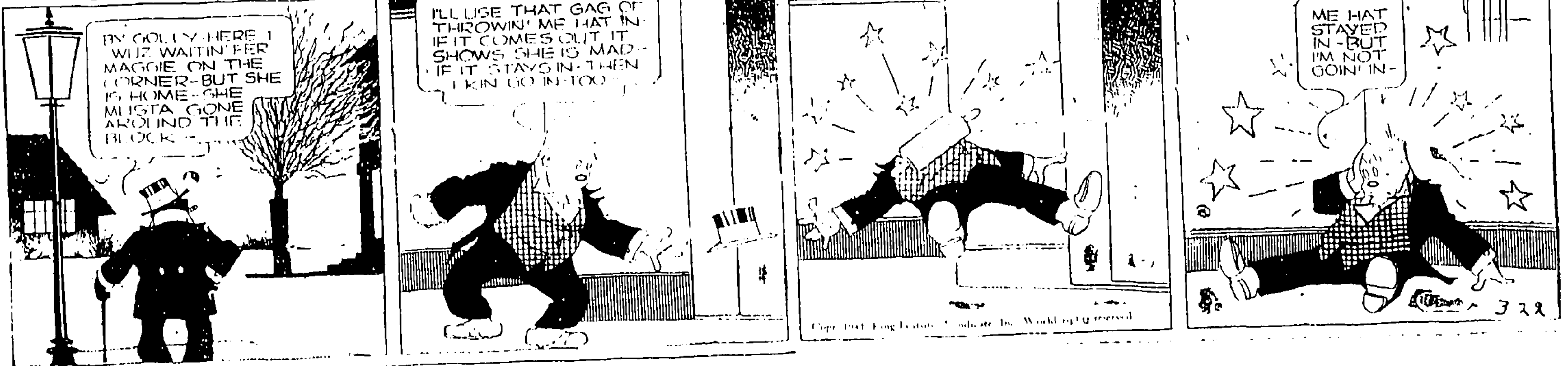
The youth, who was sixteen at the time of the offences, is George Ernest Knapp, a Dagenham tiler, said to have been earning as much as £6 a week.

Passing sentence, the Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, said: "After a long experience of criminal cases I can never recall such a case as this.

Knapp pleaded guilty to four charges of robbery with violence, and asked for three offences of assault and attempted robbery to be taken into consideration."

By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN New Camera Make-Up

Most women feel that to have a photograph taken is a search for a perfect picture. Few of them are born photographers and because of that, the camera making it difficult for the photographer to catch an expression which will satisfy the camera. When we see the unretouched proof we want to cry from disappointment.

Knowing this common feminine idiosyncrasy, a cosmetic house (with the aid of an X-movie expert) now presents an inexpensive kit of camera make-up. Hamden's Parachromatic Make-up, which, if used as directed, can make anyone of us a Garbo or a Hepburn! How you wield your basic tin and tiny brushes makes all the difference in the world!

The set contains five basic tints in stick-cream consistency, one shadow, one lip rouge with brush for application, one eyebrow pencil which is also used as eyelid liner, three shades of face powder and a powder puff. What can one be changing the colour of one's complexion, accentuating a naughty bit of an eyebrow or drawing a new pair of lips.

Practice First

After you have made the appointment with your photographer you should spend an hour or more practising this new camera art. A little book of directions tells you how to take eight steps to facial glamour and instructs you in the selection of shades for your individuality.

For instance it teaches you shadowing and highlighting which may be carried over to your everyday application of make-up. If you have a wrinkle to hide or lines beneath the eyes, you are told what to use to do the trick. Every woman could spend time to advantage reading the little booklet which is nicely diagrammed.

Handy For Brides

Brides-to-be should certainly give this make-up a testing for the one time in a girl's life when she desires a glamorous portrait is when she models her bridal costume for the photographer. That portrait is handed down to posterity and should be as charming as possible.

But don't for a minute think



You no longer are of the younger generation if you don't get a thrill out of anti-climatic participation in the fashion parade.



A bridal picture is treasured for years. A bride should take every precaution to make her photograph as lovely as possible.

this make-up is just for portraits. Any girl with a dark complexion or a good deep tan can use it to create night-time beauty. Even those with fairer complexions can fool their public if they will be certain to cover every bit of exposed skin from the chest up! They at least can have the fun of seeing how they would look as a sultry brunette!

Dress Designing In Soho

Matilda Etches, the dress designer of French-Canadian ancestry, sits in her studio overlooking shattered houses in Frith Street, Soho, and carries on.

Matilda Etches carries on, because the Service men tell her that when on leave they want their womenfolk to look chic and gay. So when at night they take their partners out she has designed her famous "Blitz Step-out and Stay-out Suit." Many of the major hotels and restaurants the clients have often to stay the night if the bombing and barrage are very intense. So Matilda Etches prepares her clients for these eventualities.

An attractive pyjama outfit is covered by a skirt of black wool, and a smart little jacket with zipped pockets makes an ideal combined costume for dancing or sleeping.

Matilda Etches has many successes in designing costumes for the ballet. While I was in her studio, writes a correspondent, an armful of pink carnations arrived from Rex Whistler, with which she was happily associated regarding such ballets as "The Wise Virgins."

A number of the Etches dresses were lost in Holland when the Vic Wells Ballet Company had to flee from the invading Germans.

One of her latest successes in the ballet world was the costuming of "The Danse Sonate," which was acclaimed as perfectly suiting the mood and movement of this work. She finds much inspiration from the designs of

Sophie Fedoravitch, who did this ballet.

Her clients include such interesting personalities as Hedli Anderson, Phyllis Monkman, Patricia Burke, and her mother, Marie Burke, Madge Elliott, Margot Fonteyn, and Hermione Gingold.

STOP AND THINK

If you are one of those people who are always being told not to "make such a fuss," don't try to curb your natural impatience, but turn this trait in your character to good advantage.

Instead of grumbling aimlessly, search for situations that need adjusting, people who need help.

When you've found them, raise your voice and make others notice them, too.

Much of the unhappiness in the world to-day is caused by people being afraid, or too lazy to air their grievances.

They think that it is wise to push their dislikes into the back-ground.

So it is up to a point, but not when it means closing your eyes to problems that need immediate attention. After all, this is certainly not a perfect world, and to be absolutely satisfied with it is hardly desirable, or even possible.

The people who take everything with complacency are, to say the least of it, dull. Being without desires or opinions, they are not interesting to anyone.

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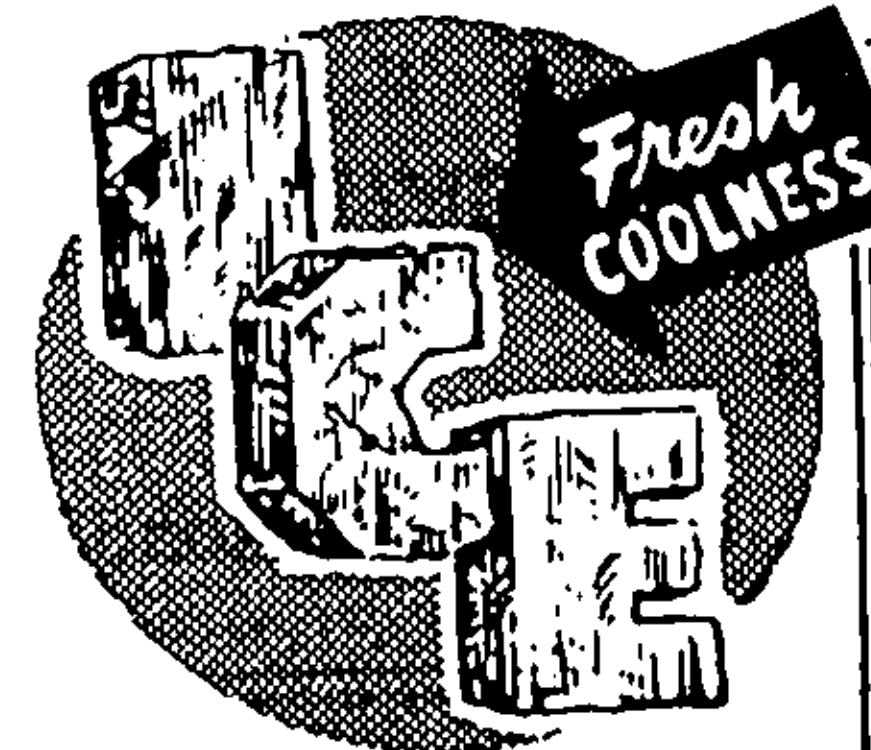
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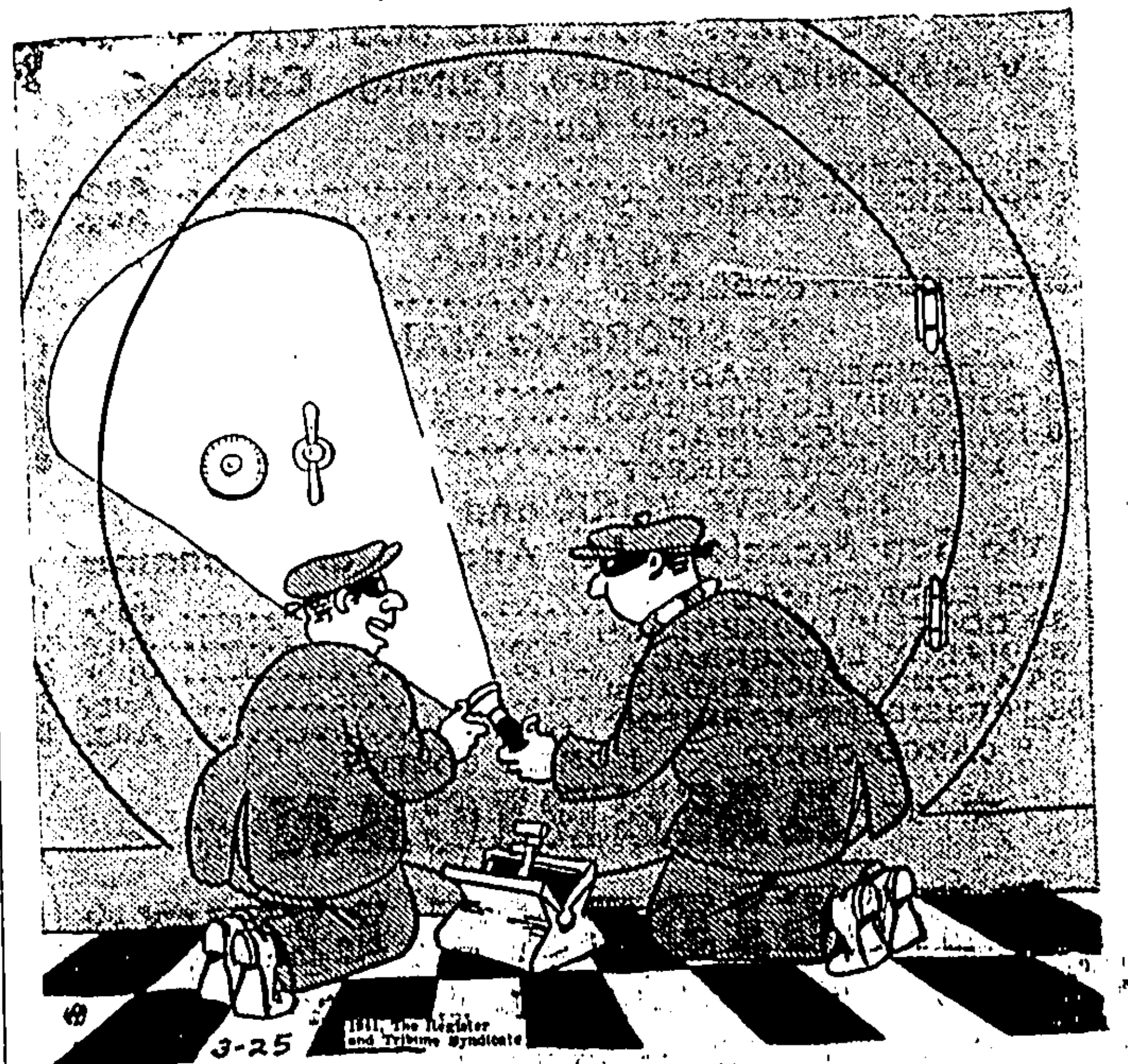
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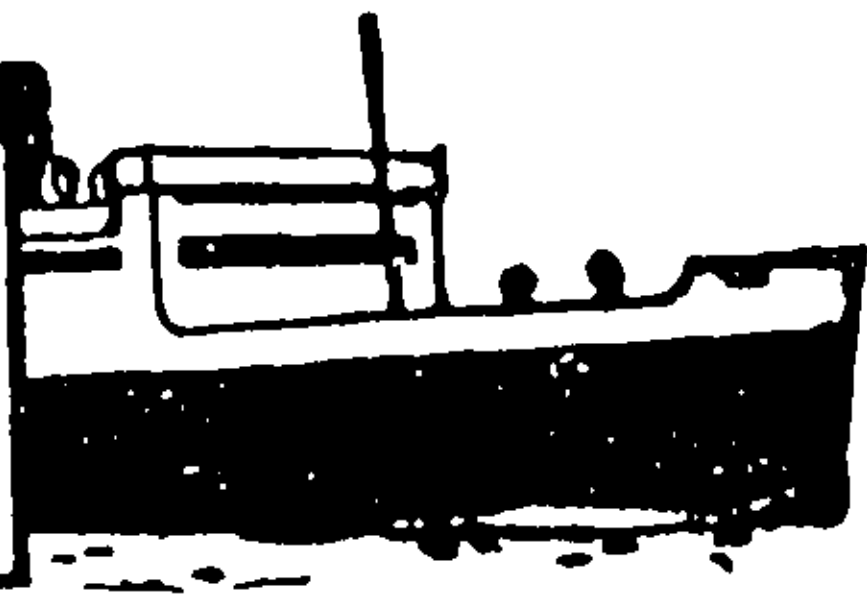
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Artie Shaw & his Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—It had to be You; I can't believe that you're in Love with me. Fox-Trot—Chantez les bas. Rumba—Danza Lucumi. Fox-Trots—Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise (from "New Moon"). Copenhagen. Swing Fox-Trots—Non-Stop Flight; Press Chat Fox-Trot—This is Romance.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Songs by Bing Crosby. Maybe (from "Oh! Kay"). Tumbling Tumbleweeds (Nolan). If I Knew Then (Jurgens, Howard).

1.10 p.m.—Hawaiian Music. Hawaiian Love. Hawaiian Rose—Medley Kane's Hawaiians. Papalina Lahlala (Johnny Noble). Haleiwa (Wood). Ray Kinney (Vocal) with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawaiians. Hilo Hanakahi (Halekale). On the Beach of Waikiki (Kailima). Waikiki Stone-Wall Boys.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The London Theatre Orchestra with Peggy Wood (Vocal). "Revuedeville" Memories—Windmill Theatre Selections. The London Theatre Orchestra. Where are the Songs we Sung; Dearest Love (both from "Operette"). Peggy Wood (Soprano) with Orchestra. The Land of Smiles Selection Intro. Introduction from Overture. Waltz. Duet. Love's Magic Power. Finale. Act 2. Apple blossom; Homeland. Danemk. How Entrancing. A Cup of China Tea. You are my Heart's Delight. London Theatre Orch. Ziguner ("Bitter Sweet" Coward). Peggy Wood (Soprano) with Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quick-Step—Bring out the Little Brown Jug. Fox-Trot—The Man who comes around. Billy Cotton & his Band. Fox-Trots—I've got my eyes on you (film "Broadway Melody of 1940"). The Singing Hills. Joe Loss & his Orchestra. Waltz—By the Wishing Well. Slow Fox-Trot—A Lover's Lullaby. Ambrose & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Starlit Hour; Shake down the Stars. Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—Thru the Courtesy of Love (film "Voice of Scandal"). Denny Dennis with Orchestra. Piano & Whistling. Piano Medley No. 2. Intro. Easter Parade; With every breath I take; His Majesty the Baby. June in January; One good tune deserves another. The big bad wolf was dead. Ronald Gourley. Vocal Little Fraternity Pin (from "Varsity Show"). Once in a while (Edwards, Green). Frances Langford with Orchestra. Vocal—Here's Love in your Eyes (film "The Big Broadcast of 1937"). To Mary—with Love (Gordon & Revel). Denny Dennis with Orchestra. Piano—Medley—Intro. Smoke gets in your eyes; Who made little Boy Blue; If I love again; Continental; Stay as sweet as you are; Sweetmeat Joe; the Candy Man. Ronald Gourley.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary & Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Banjo Music.

Banjo Favourites—Intro. Stein Song; Valencia; Toy Drum Major. Raymonde & his Band of Banjos. Keyboard Kapers (Steele). Mario de Pietro. Whistling Rufus (Mills). Temptation Rag (Lodge). Raymonde & his Band of Banjos.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor). Hungarian Csardas of George Nagy (Karoly). You are the Fellow, friend Tykody. My Little velvet Hat; Oh! How long it seems. Magyar Imre & his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Can I Forget You (film "High, Wide and Handsome"). Sympathy (film "Firefly"). Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra. The Last Drops—Waltz (Kratzl). The Blue Danube—Waltz (Joh. Strauss). Magyar Imre & his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Indian Love Lyrics—Kashmiri Song (Hope—Woodforde—Finden). Till I Wake (Hope—Woodforde—Finden). Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Piano. Bhari Waltzes (Bhari). Magyar Imre & his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Verdi's "La Traviata" Act III. Soloists in order of appearance: Mercedes Capar (Soprano). Violetta Valery, a courtesan; Ida Conti (Contralto). Violetta's maid; Baccaloni (Bass). A Physician; Lionel Ceeli (Tenor). Alfredo Germont, lover of Violetta; Carlo Gelfi (Baritone). Alfredo's father, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

HOW THE "EAGLES" SHARPENED THEIR TALONS

PILOTS OF "EAGLE" Squadron, the first all-American Squadron of the Royal Air Force, which recently took its place as a fully fledged unit of Fighter Command, had the experience, unique under present day conditions, of undergoing their "operational training" as a complete squadron under their own squadron commander.

Normally pilots in the R.A.F. go through the famous "four stage" training system—Initial Training Wing; Elementary Flying School; Service Flying School; Operational Training Unit. This system is designed to transform the completely untrained young men into the highly skilled service pilot ready to take his part in a squadron on active service.

But when "Eagle" Squadron was formed last October, all its members could already fly. Some had seen service with French or British Squadrons; others were pilots with American civil air lines; some student fliers at their Universities in the States.

What they mainly needed was collective training, flying together as a squadron in modern war conditions, so as to achieve that flexibility and unity which is the hall mark of the fighting squadrons of the R.A.F.

For the past few months "Eagle" Squadron has been sharpening its talons, going through all the tactical training and exercises which ordinarily is given at an operational training unit. In a comparatively quiet sector they have been hard at work, learning all the "tricks of the trade" under instructors with first hand experience of modern air fighting.

Films taken with cine-camera guns fitted to their Hurricane fighters and operated by a touch on the firing button recorded the "interceptions" and "attacks" made during practice

flights which closely resemble the real thing. Afterwards, in a darkened room, the pilots would re-live the "battle," noting the degree of success each achieved, or perhaps the mistakes which would have enabled an enemy to get away.

Gunnery practice, firing from an aircraft on the ground with its tail chocked up into flying position, and in the air at air-towed targets; quick take-offs by day and night; formation flying by flights and as a squadron; tactics, and control in the air from the ground and from the formation leaders; specialised instrument training; these are some of the things pilots of "Eagle" Squadron have been working at through the winter months.

Now, full-fledged and trained to the minute, "Eagle" Squadron lines up with the other Hurricane fighter squadrons of the R.A.F.—British, Dominions and Allies—ready for the fight.

RIVER SEARCH FOR CONJURER

Police are dragging the Thames near Maidenhead for the body of Mr. Horace Spencer, the conjurer, who fell from his bicycle into the river.

Mr. Spencer, who was fifty-six years of age, was one of the foremost card manipulators in the country. He had entertained thousands of people since he began conjuring at the age of ten.

He was cycling with a friend from Cookham, his native village, when he fell off his machine. His companion could not see him because of the darkness, but heard him shouting and struggling in the water. The Thames Patrol searched the river throughout the night in motor launches.

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MR. HEARNE'S FINE RIDE ON O-LAN: BREAKS RECORD

Favourites Have A Bad Time

By "Rapier"

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY).

The first race on Monday, the Lead Mine Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class China ponies over six furlongs, was a treat to watch. Carrying 159 lb. Hopeful Star (Mr. Craven) was made hot favourite, and at one stage it appeared as if it was going to win, but it lacked the stamina to last out the distance, and had to be satisfied with third place.

King Kong (Mr. Wei) took the lead followed by Hopeful Star. Coming into the straight, Hopeful Star held a slight advantage, but King Kong asserted itself on nearing the mile post and went on to win by a head from Expansion Time (Mr. Black), which came through with a great but of speed to beat Hopeful Star for second place.

FAVOURITE SECOND

The second race, the Killara Stakes (First Section) from the 1 1/2 mile post, provided a real upset. With Mr. Black up, A Rosy Time took the lion's share of the betting, but it could do no better than place second. There was hardly anything of interest in the race, Leading Star (Mr. Craven), taking the lead from the start, never looked back, and, despite Mr. Black's effort, A Rosy Time was unable to make any impression the leader. War Tax (Mr. Wei) was third.

DEAD HEAT

The best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Manly Handicap (First section) for "B" Class Australian ponies, in which the favourite, The Nineteenth Hole (Mr. Hearne) again failed. Mainsail (Mr. Craven), which was third in the Whitsun Handicap on Saturday, scored a fine dead heat win with Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei), the second favourite, to pay the biggest dividend of the day.

A fast pace was set by Mainsail, which was followed by Catterick Bridge (Mr. Chao) and Lancashire Chips.

On rounding the bend for home, Catterick Bridge fell off and Lancashire Chips took second place, hugging the rails behind Mainsail. When the distance post was reached, Mr. Wei sent Lancashire Chips into a slight lead, but Mr. Craven pushed Mainsail along to draw level and fight out the finish, the ponies passing the winning post together in record time. They bettered Vanity Fair's time by 3/5 seconds.

FAVOURITE FAILS

In the fourth race, the Barwon Heads Stakes for non-winning Australian griffins, the public made Vis Major (Mr. Wood) favourite although it had done nothing on Saturday to warrant it. It ran unplaced.

King's Welcome (Mr. Black) shot out into the lead, followed by National Reform (Mr. Chang), and on passing the winning post for the first time, Mr. S. W. Lee sent Nomine Poenae forward to take the lead. This order was maintained until nearing the last quarter, when King's Welcome was seen to take command which it maintained right up to the two mile post, when Nomine Poenae again went ahead. At this stage it appeared that Nomine Poenae would win but Gay Fox came up with a great rush to pass it and go on to win by three lengths. Prairie View was third, another two lengths away.

O-LAN'S NEW RECORD

Then came the main event of the day, the Whitsun Plate, which was also the last leg of the "Daily Double".

Another record went by the board, the new mark being set by O-Lan, cleverly ridden by Mr. Hearne.

Confusion Bay (Mr. Black) was made favourite, and both Velvetlight (Mr. Wei) and World Fair View (Mr. Pih) were also well supported. Expectations of a grand race were fully justified and great excitement prevailed to the end.

Racylight (Mr. Liang) set the pace followed by World Fair View and Dupont Bay (Mr. Tu). On passing the winning post for the

trillian Subs that have won only one race, King's Flight (Mr. Wei) was made favourite and did not disappoint.

The race started with Maple Leaf (Mr. Yuen) taking the lead, followed by Lex Fori (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Joan (Mr. Pan). After passing the seven furlongs post Lex Fori moved up to first position. This order was maintained to the Village bend, King's Flight being satisfied with fourth position. Coming to the last quarter King's Flight was sent into the lead with Happy Returns (Mr. Chang) behind, followed by Jus Gentium (Mr. Black).

Although Happy Returns came up strongly to challenge King's Flight on nearing the members' stands, it was to no avail as King's Flight had plenty in reserve and went on to win by one-and-a-half lengths. Jus Gentium was third, another two lengths behind.

CRIFTEL PENALISED

There was nothing over which one could enthuse in this race, the Manly Handicap (Second Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies. It was a sprint event, and, carrying the most money, Criftel, ridden by Mr. Black, was penalised for being over anxious in getting away and was, therefore, put back instead of in the first position which it had drawn. This resulted in its downfall.

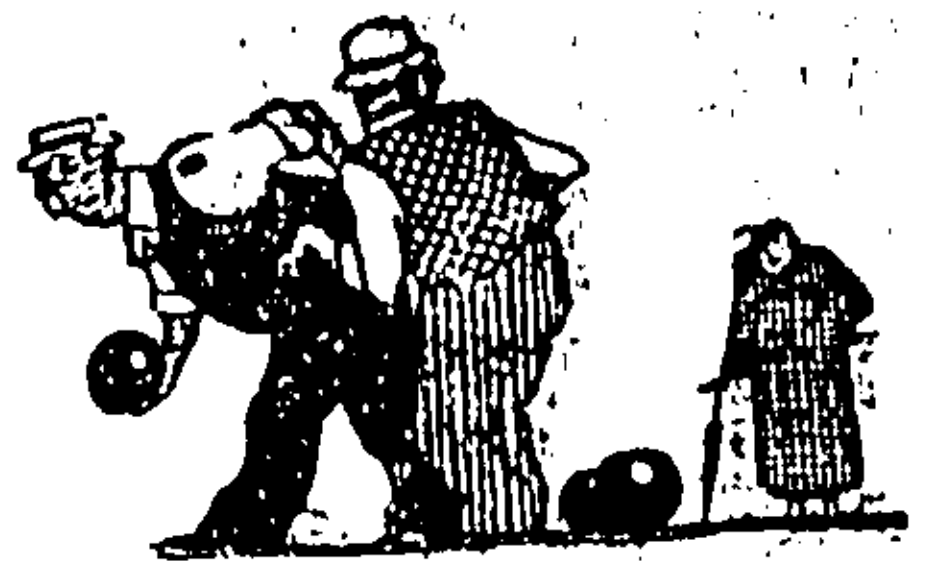
The start saw Devonian (Mr. Gregory) taking the lead followed by Rowan (Mr. Hearne) and Chiltern (Mr. Yuen). Rounding the bend Rowan shot forward to take the lead which it maintained right up to the end.

MR. LEE'S SUCCESS

Confined to novice jockeys, the Spencer Handicap over the mile brought Mr. S. W. Lee nearer to graduation. The race started with Bredon (Mr. Sequiera) taking the lead followed by Winnie (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Spring Shine (Mr. R. K. C. Chui), the favourite. On going up to the Rock, Bredon faded out of the race and Winnie took the lead. Coming down the straight Winnie was still leading, with Spring Shine second and A Good Time (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) third, and this was the order in which they eventually finished.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following clubs have selected their teams for League bowls matches on Saturday—



K.C.C.

First Division (v. Recreio "B", Away)
A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, W. Mulcahy and E. C. Fincher (Skip)
A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip)
L. Jack, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and J. Fraser (Skip)
Second Division (v. C.C.C., Home)
R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabel and T. W. Carr (Skip)
A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip)
T. R. Hunter, N. O. Lloyd, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (Skip)

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v. K.T.R.C., Home)
J. S. Howell, B. I. Bleckford, Dr. J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (Skip)
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. V. Pearce and W. Macfarlane (Skip)
R. P. Shaw, E. Strange, A. Brookbank and K. S. Robertson (Skip)
Third Division (v. P.R.C., Away)
A. Bailey, C. Carr, J. Ralston and G. Stephens (Skip)
K. Farrow, J. M. Thomson, C. B. Robertson and G. Graver (Skip)
J. Russell, S. Strange, A. C. Gratton and B. H. Mansell (Skip)
Reserves: J. D. Thomson, E. Casey and A. B. Coleman.

K.F.C.

Second Division (v. Recreio, Home)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Field (Skip)
W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip)
A. A. Dand, C. Downman, W. C. Simpson and T. Ferguson (Skip)
Third Division (v. Recreio, Away)
H. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and H. D. Evans (Skip)

W. G. Ogley, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip)
G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre and R. Ogden (Skip)
Reserves: J. Gibson, I. Bones, W. Seraphina and L. Mullett
Second Division (v. C.C.C., Away)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Fields (Skip)
W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip)
A. A. Dand, C. Downman, W. C. Simpson and T. Ferguson (Skip)
Reserves: J. Gibson and W. C. Ogley

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away)
H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar and J. Kew (Skip)
N. A. B. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip)
H. Gittins, W. M. Gittins, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip)

K.B.G.C.

First Division ("A" v. C.C.C., Home)
W. L. Walker, W. McNeill, S. Randle and A. M. Holland (Skip)
R. P. Phillips, H. Lockhart, H. White and A. J. Hall (Skip)
I. Sykes, A. Hyde-Lay, H. E. Drew and J. McKelvie (Skip)
First Division ("B" v. Recreio "A", Home)

W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett and R. Duncan (Skip)
A. Moulton, P. A. Peckham, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (Skip)
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, G. H. Sheriff and L. Guy (Skip)
Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away)
C. E. Langley, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Seale and H. Nish (Skip)
J. S. Dinnen, F. A. Atkins, G. E. F. Thompson and C. Wallis (Skip)
H. Bicknell, G. W. Elphick, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip)

H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v. K.B.G.C., Home)
A. P. Tarbuck, W. E. Macfarlane, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip)
J. R. Way, W. Stonehouse, W. Stoker and J. F. Lunny (Skip)
R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (Skip)
Reserve: R. F. Gregory

H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v. Talkoo R.C., Home)
S. I. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (Skip)
G. G. Attenhead, T. R. Rowell, L. A. R. Duncan and F. Goodwin (Skip)
R. R. Davies, E. Hosper, P. J. A. Hamilton and A. W. Brown (Skip)
Third Division (v. C.C.C., Away)
H. A. Angus, E. S. Doughty, P. S. Cassidy and A. Nissim (Skip)
H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, B. J. Lacom and R. A. Edwards (Skip)
Dr. D. J. Valentine, H. F. Shields, A. S. Mitchell and A. McKellar (Skip)

RECREIO

First Division ("A" v. K.B.G.C. "B", Away)
Joe Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip)
L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, H. A. Alves and F. X. Silva (Skip)
P. X. Soares, C. Roza-Poreira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (Skip)
First Division ("B" v. K.C.C., Home)
D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip)
F. A. Machado, B. Basto, Eddie Souza and L. J. Silva (Skip)
C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip)
Second Division (v. K.F.C., Away)
A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, C. A. Lopes and D. P. Remedios (Skip)
E. L. Barros, E. M. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves and J. R. Soares (Skip)
A. P. Pereira, Fred A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (Skip)
Third Division (v. K.F.C., Home)
L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip)
F. Sequiera, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha and M. A. Carvalho (Skip)
C. F. Rozario, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip)

Third Division (v. C.C.C., Away)
L. A. Rozario, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip)
F. Sequiera, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha and M. A. Carvalho (Skip)
C. F. Rozario, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip)
C.S.C.C.
First Division (v. I.R.C., Away)
H. F. Harper, V. S. Ebbage, W. J. Burling and C. Strong (Skip)
J. Gellatly, J. R. Carr, M. E. Purvis and M. N. Rakusen (Skip)
P. D. Crawley, T. Seddon, E. W. C. Simmonds and J. F. McGowan (Skip)

K.D.R.C.
First Division (v. P.R.C., Home)
W. C. K. Mackie, C. Logan, V. Ramsay and F. Cullen (Skip)
R. H. A. Lapsley, W. McMaster, W. Houston and T. Coleman (Skip)
A. Calman, T. Kempton, M. Ferguson and R. Morrison (Skip)

C.C.C.
First Division (v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Away)
J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip)
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Baga and U. M. Omar (Skip)
Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosset (Skip)
Second Division (v. Kowloon Cricket Club, Away)
L. Gaddi, S. R. Solina, E. Zimmermann and T. Lock (Skip)
J. H. Xavier, L. E. Lammert, G. S. Ladd and M. J. Medina (Skip)
A. A. Razack, A. Kitchell, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip)

Third Division (v. Hong Kong Cricket Club, Home)
R. K. Pavri, F. X. Delgado, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip)
L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, E. S. Frank and A. J. Coelho (Skip)
W. E. Broadbridge, V. A. Itenag, F. K. Modi and D. A. Rozario (Skip)

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. SHOW THEIR PACES

OF THE FIVE MATCHES ORIGINALLY
ARRANGED FOR YESTERDAY IN THIRD DIVISION OF THE TENNIS LEAGUE ONLY THREE WERE PLAYED.

The two postponed games were the Recreio-Kowloon C.C. and the C.R.C. "A" and "B" matches, the former having been put forward to to-day.

Results follow:—

A.T.C. v K. Tong

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, by 7½ sets to 1½.

Emberson and Duffield (Army) drew with S. Hsu and D. Chen 6-6
beat K. M. Lee and A. H. Basto 6-1
beat L. Chan and D. Kwok 6-1
Webb and Denyer (Army) lost to Hsu and Chen 4-6
beat Lee and Basto 6-3
beat Chan and Kwok 6-3
Murray and Megson (Army) beat Hsu and Chen 6-4
beat Lee and Basto 6-3
beat Chan and Kwok 6-3

C.C.C. v I.R.C.

Craigengower, beat Indian Recreation Club by nine sets to nil at the Valley.

Lee Wai-keet and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.) beat A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab 6-3
beat I. Kitchell and M. Hassan 6-0
beat M. P. Madar and A. D. H. Esmail 6-0
Geoffrey Lai and Y. L. Pao (C.C.C.) beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-1
beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1
beat Madar and Esmail 6-3
W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo (C.C.C.) beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-0
beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1
beat Madar and Esmail 6-1

K.I.T.C. v H.K.U.

Kowloon-Indian Tennis Club beat Hong Kong University Tennis Club by 5½ sets to 1½ at Pokfulam.

K. Cheah and F. Liu (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain 1-6
lost to Dr. H. M. Singh and Dr. S. A. M. Sepher 3-3



drew with M. Ramzan and J. Khan 6-6
S. L. Yong and P. K. Hoo (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain 0-6
lost to Singh and Sepher 2-6
beat Ramzan and Khan 6-3
T. C. Lo and Y. Ip (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain 0-6
beat Singh and Sepher 6-3
beat Ramzan and Khan 6-3

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some teams:—

A.T.C. v. Filipino Club
P.O.R.C. (1) v. J.R.C.
C.B.A. v. S.C.A.A.
I.R.C. v. C.C.C.
K.I.T.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2)

P.O.R.C. (1):—D. Fitches and Wong Kim-wai, S. S. Chiu and S. K. Chim; Howlett and McPherson

P.O.R.C. (2):—Tao Kwok-fai and Lai Fat; Morrison and C. Pilo; So, Yan-kit and Ho Tak-fai

K.I.T.C.:—S. A. M. Sepher and K. Singh; S. Ramchand and W. Mehul; A. H. Mehul and S. Singh

I.R.C.:—M. H. Hassan and G. Singh; M. S. Hassan and M. T. Razack; A. J. Sufiad and L. Kitchell

Filipino Club:—B. Poon and P. Poon; F. Gonzales and Robert Lee; T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza

S.C.A.A.:—P. Y. Kwok and K. C. Wong; C. M. Yuen and S. S. Yuen

K. I. Chan and Y. K. Ng

HIGH STANDARD OF ATHLETICS IN U.S.

Defence Programme's Effect

HIGH JUMP OF OVER SEVEN FT.

"In view of the distinct revival of interest in athletics in Hong Kong, I have written this article on the sport in the United States which gives some idea of the extremely high standard, and which might prove of interest to your athletically-minded readers," writes a correspondent.

ARMY CAMPS and the absence of a chance of qualifying for an Amateur Athletic Union track team touring Europe have had little deterrent effect on the standard of track and field performance in the United States this year.

Defence jobs have claimed training time from a number of top-flight athletes, and conscription has claimed a number of the bigger names, prominent among them being John Woodruff, Olympic champion at 800 metres and world record holder at 880 yards.

College athletes continue to provide first class opposition for active graduate stars, however, and men of the calibre of Walter Mehl and John Munske, both since graduated from the Universities of Wisconsin and Missouri, respectively, are meeting with stern competition in the mile run from college stars Leslie Mac-Mitchell, Bob Gunn and Phil Lebowitz.

Fast Mile

MacMitchell, with Mehl, holds the best time of the season at the distance—a mile in 4 mins. 7.4 secs.—and the others are not more than five seconds behind. Woodruff's few appearances on the track are compensated for by half-milers of the standard of Campbell Kane, Edson Burrowes, Clarence Barnes, MacUmstattel, Dick Peter and three or four others, consistent at 1 min. 52 secs. or better.

The colleges lead in the 440 yards with Grover Klemmer of California better than 47 seconds flat, close on his heels being Gene Littler (Nebraska), Warren Brudenbach (Michigan), Roy Cochran (Indiana), Clarence Barnes (California) and Vic Bourland (U.S.C.), who are capable of 47.2 secs. or better.

The heyday of the sprints has passed with the retirement from competition of the great Jesse Owens, Eulace Peacock and Ben Johnson, but potential 9.4 men remain in Harold Davis of Salinas and Norwood Ewell, Penn State, who, however, face little stern opposition.

There are not as many hurdlers of class as there were one or two years ago but Dugger of Tufts leads the high-barrier men, with Batiste of Sacramento, both of whom have done 13.9 secs., and Stickel of Pitt and Cochran of Indiana the lows, both near 23 seconds flat but far out of the class of Rice Institute's great Fred Wolcott.

Lester Steers of Oregon has cleared 7 feet 0 1/2 inches in the high jump and is consistent at 6 feet 10 inches, with Johnny Wilson of U.S.C. and Bill Stewart, another Californian, steady at 6 feet 8 inches.

Cornelius Warmerdam of Fresno has already lifted the pole vault record this season to 15 feet 2 1/2 inches and looks capable of 15:6 before the season is over, while Earle Meadows, Dick Ganslen, and Kenny Dills are in the 14:6 class.

Brown In Own Class

The broad jumpers are led by Billy Brown of Louisiana State with an early-season leap of 25 feet 7 inches, but there is hardly another 25-footer in sight.

The weightmen are led by Al Blozis of Georgetown who has already heaved the shot 57 feet, and by Archie Harris of Indiana and Phil Fox of the Olympic Club in the disc. Harris has spun the platter out to 171 feet and Fox to 169 feet.

ROSYLIGHT STATEMENT

Asked for a statement on the withdrawal of Cici's Rosylight, second favourite, at last Saturday's races and the decision not to return betting money on this pony, Mr. C. H. Brown, Secretary of Hong Kong Jockey Club, told the "China Mail" yesterday that the pony came under the Starter's orders and so must be considered to have raced, in which case betting money was not refundable.

S.C.A.A. GALA

South China Athletic Association will hold their first swimming gala of the season at North Point, tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Following is the programme: Ladies' 50 metres Free-style; Men's 100 metres Free-style (Open to the Colony); Ladies' 100 metres Free-style (Open to the Colony); Ladies' 100 metres Breast-stroke; Children's 50 metres Free-style; Men's 200 metres Four Men Relay; 50 metres Obstacle Race; Water Polo match.

ARMY TENNIS

In the Second Division Army Tennis League, 36th Battery, Royal Artillery, beat Royal Corps of Signals by two points to one at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Price and Love (Signals), beat Lieut. Dawson and Bdr. Whitmore, 6-3, 7-5. Sgt. Brakenberry and Sgt. Wathen (Signals).

lost to Lieut. Godfrey and Cpl. Reynolds, 5-7, 2-6.

C. S. M. Fayers and Cpl. Gorman (Signals).

lost to Sgt. Hicks and Bdr. Goodenough, 6-3, 2-6, 2-6.

WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT

Two matches in the water-polo Tournament were held yesterday. Navy "A", after being two goals down, recovered to beat Middlesex "B" 4-2 at Y.M.C.A. and Navy "B" and 5th A.A. Regt. shared four goals in the Dockyard.

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SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON CONVOY OFF TUNISIA

CANADIAN AIR FORCE TRAGEDY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Five Royal Canadian Air Force fliers were instantly killed when their Hudson plane crashed into a radio mast on Sable Island, in the Atlantic, while they were searching for a missing R.A.F. aircraft with four aboard.

The missing plane is equipped with a rubber dinghy, giving hope that the quartet might be found alive. International News Service.

BRITISH LAND FROM THE AIR

THE OCCUPATION OF MOSUL WAS CARRIED OUT BY BRITISH AIR-BORNE AND GROUND TROOPS ON TUESDAY, ACCORDING TO MILITARY CIRCLES IN CAIRO.

Owing to the lack of news they are unable to state whether the British met with any resistance. The same circles said that there

8,000-Ton Axis Vessel Blown Up

A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL aerial attack on an enemy convoy is recorded in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

It states: "As a result of reconnaissance carried out by American-built Maryland aircraft, R.A.F. bombers on Tuesday attacked a convoy of enemy merchant vessels escorted by destroyers which was proceeding southwards off the Tunisian coast.

"One ship of about 8,000 tons blew up with such tremendous force that flying debris hit and damaged other ships in the convoy. Debris also struck one of our bombers which crashed into the sea.

Direct hits were also registered on another ship in the convoy of about 5,000 tons and it was left ablaze with columns of smoke pouring from amidships. Other vessels were also damaged. An Italian three-engined aircraft was shot down by our fighters into the sea at Malta. The crew were last seen on the wing of their aircraft.

No evidence of any particular damage to oil pumping stations and that the wells were intact. —Reuter.

Syrian Dumps Bombed

"While on reconnaissance flight off the Island of Cephalonia, one of our aircraft attacked an Italian seaplane which was taxiing on the water and destroyed it.

"In Cyrenaica, South African fighters machine-gunned a number of enemy aircraft on the landing ground at Gambut destroying three.

"Benghazi was raided during the night of Monday and Tuesday and large fires were started on moles and among military buildings.

"Petrol dumps at Beirut, in Syria, were bombed and machine-gunned by our aircraft on Tuesday.

"Enemy positions in Abyssinia particularly at Deberech, were attacked.

"From all these operations one of our aircraft is reported missing in addition to the one mentioned above. Two aircraft reported missing in the communiqués of June 2 and 3 are known to have returned safely to their bases." —Reuter.

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WINANT'S TALK WITH MR. HULL

THE VEIL OF SECRECY WHICH HITHERTO HAS SHROUDED THE VISIT OF MR. JOHN G. WINANT, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, TO WASHINGTON, WAS PARTLY LIFTED LAST EVENING.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said at his press conference that the state of international danger to the United States was the subject of his conference with Mr. Winant on Tuesday.

He added they spent much time going over United States policy generally in relation to the international situation.

Mr. Winant was expected to confer again with President Roosevelt yesterday. —Reuter.

GLORIOUS FOURTH AS USUAL

THE TRADITIONAL DRESS OF SWALLOW-TAILS AND SILK HATS WAS ADHERED TO BY ETON COLLEGE BOYS IN YESTERDAY'S JUNE 4 CELEBRATIONS, BUT CLOTHES RATIONING MAY MAKE IT THE LAST TIME UNTIL AFTER THE WAR.

Otherwise the celebrations were among the quietest on record.

The bombing of the Upper School last December made it impossible for speeches to be delivered in the historic building for the first time in 170 years. —Reuter.

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STRONG NAZI FORCES ALREADY IN SYRIA

Peace Rumours Quashed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Mr. John Winant, United States Ambassador to Britain, brought a message from Mr. Winston Churchill to President Roosevelt which stated that Britain, hopeful of swifter and greater American aid, will continue the fight with every resource.

He also brought news of first-rank importance and seeks information, perhaps of greater importance, to take to England. He gave President Roosevelt a first-hand report on the manner in which Britain weathered the severe winter onslaught.

Mr. Winant will carry back President Roosevelt's assurances that aid will increase.

Mr. Winant reported that despite heavily increasing odds, severe reverses and diminishing food convoys, due to bombing, British determination to see the war through had hardened instead of diminished.

There are no signs of defeatism and the British place the idea of negotiating peace in the category of "unthinkable." — International News Service.

ALL HELL LIKELY TO POP IN SYRIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While the British press continues to demand the occupation of Syria and pours criticism on the Government for the Crete debacle, the first authoritative statement was made in London yesterday on the situation in the Middle East.

The statement said tersely "All hell is likely to pop in Syria at any moment." — International News Service.

BLOCKADE OF FRANCE WANTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "Daily Express" in London stated yesterday that Britain should immediately extend the blockade to all France, including on food and medicine. — International News Service.

NEW CRISIS IN PACIFIC FEARED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE TRADE DISPUTE between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies threatens to reach a climax this week-end and a new Pacific crisis is feared.

The concessions offered the Japanese by the Netherlands East Indies will not seriously affect American and British needs but complete fulfilment of the Japanese demands would.

Dr. van Kleffens, after talks with President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, stated: "Of course they want oil, rubber and tin, as much as they can get. We will give what can be spared within reason but no more."

Hope prevails that the Japanese may modify their demands.

It is thought the recent statements by Mr. Matsuoka and Mr. Yoshizawa were intended to strengthen the bargaining position rather than representing an adamant stand.

Those familiar with the Far East still believe that Japan will not make any concessions.

of a German victory. Resistance to Japanese demands would force the Japanese to seek control of N.E.I. oil, which is the main reason. America continues to permit the shipment of oil. — International News Service.

GUN VICTIM SUCCEUMBS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

One of the Chinese detectives wounded in Shanghai in Tuesday's gun duel with kidnappers, succumbed to his wounds the same night. — International News Service.

Panzer Divisions And 400 'Planes Set For Campaign

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

OUT OF A MULTITUDE OF CONFLICTING REPORTS ON THE SITUATION IN SYRIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST GENERALLY, AS WELL AS AXIS PROPAGANDA DESIGNED TO CONFUSE AND HIDE THE ACTUAL PLANS OF THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, COMES RELIABLE INFORMATION IN LONDON THAT THE NAZIS HAVE, IN FACT, CONCENTRATED STRONG LAND AND AIR FORCES IN SYRIA.

Germany, according to this information, is already virtually set, with vast air and land forces in Syria, Libya and Mediterranean island bases, for a swift and strong blow against Britain's strongholds in the Middle East.

At least 400 German 'planes and three panzer divisions, two of them complete with light tank units, as well as 200,000 parachutists and other aerial specialists, are reliably said to have arrived in Syria.

Whether Britain, with large forces massed on the Syrian frontier, will march into the French-mandated territory in an attempt to beat the Germans to the punch, remains uncertain.

In view of the official silence on events in this part of the world, however, observers in London said yesterday that this possibility cannot be disregarded.

The British press is still airing arguments for and against a British move in Syria.

Vichy Warning

The "Daily Express" yesterday urged continued trust in Britain's

QUERIES IN VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO VICHY, IS CONFERRING WITH MARSHAL PETAIN REGARDING THE INTENTIONS OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT AND IS SEEKING CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY.

Tension has been greatly increased by the announcement that four British 'planes raided a fuel depot at Beirut, setting fire to buildings and blasting several reservoirs. — International News Service.

U.S. SHIPS MAY STOP JAP. CALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION HAS WITHDRAWN SEVEN PRESIDENT LINE SHIPS FROM THE AMERICAN-JAPAN TRADE REPRESENTING ABOUT HALF OF THE ROUTE'S PASSENGER AND CARGO SPACE.

These are among the 28 ships acquired for conversion to military and naval auxiliaries, including the large liners "America"

"Washington" and "Manhattan." There is a possibility that no American ships will ply between America and Japan soon, development of a two-ocean fleet necessitating an increase in auxiliaries. — International News Service.



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German Infiltration Into Syria Continues Steadily

NAZIS TAKE OVER FRENCH TANKS AND ARMoured CARS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Syrian Frontier)

REPORTS TRICKLING OVER THE FRONTIER INDICATE THAT THE STEADY GERMAN INFILTRATION INTO SYRIA CONTINUES BY LAND, SEA AND AIR. THRICE WEEKLY THE TAURUS EXPRESS DISGORGES BATCHES OF APPROXIMATELY 50 NAZIS WHILE FURTHER GERMANS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE BY PLANE AT SYRIAN AIRPORTS.

Latest reports indicate that more than 12 planes are arriving daily, many of which are fighters. On Tuesday 150 troop-carriers landed at Rayak, for what purpose is unknown, for all were empty.

Although the reports are unconfirmed, I believe the 400 so-called wounded who were recently landed at Beirut from a hospital ship are members of the Nazi Tank Corps which has now taken control of French armoured cars and tanks, which had lain idle for four months.

Coincidentally comes news of a tightening of Vichy's iron grip on Syria. Any officers attempting to escape to Palestine are shot on the spot.

This fact is proved by news that two were shot on Tuesday while attempting to cross the border.

Furthermore the French army has been warned that if they attempt to escape their families will be imprisoned and their goods confiscated.

Order To Fire

One who reached Palestine said the Senegalese manning the frontier, who are mostly pro-British, now have 10 Vichy officers to every 100 men.

These officers are instructed that if any British attempt to cross the frontier to Syria they must shoot.

Although most of the Germans arriving in Syria disappear immediately to unknown destinations in the interior, three leading hotels in Beirut are reserved for Germans only.

Majority of the Germans are selected for their knowledge of French. They are excellent linguists but their writing in the hotel registers reveals their nationality.

Those coming from Turkey inscribe "Via Aleppo" instead of "Alep," which is the true French version.

Frontier Still Quiet

The majority of Frenchmen in Syria secretly express disgust at the German infiltration and understanding of the British suppression of the Iraqi rebellion, while the determined R.A.F. attacks on Syrian airports and the desertion of Colonel Collet, the famous leader of Colonial troops, are all having an encouraging effect.

Meanwhile the frontier is extremely quiet, and after a tour extending from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Galilee, I saw nothing which indicated secret movements going on in Syria.

The crops are now ripe; Jews and Arabs alike are peacefully harvesting in the frontier region. — Reuter.

MOSCOW CRITICAL ON CRETE

"The British Military Command of the Near East actually held Crete for six months from the Greek entry into the war, but it neglected properly to fortify this important strategic position."

This statement was made by Ivanov, member of the Soviet Academy of Science, discussing events in the Mediterranean in yesterday's issue of "Trud," organ of the Trade Unions in Moscow.

He continued: "Particularly during this period no coastal defence or A.A. defence of any special value was established. There were only three aerodromes on the island and they were open and unprotected."

He pointed out that owing to the withdrawal of the Air Force, the British troops and the naval base at Suda Bay were left almost without protection.

He said that despite heavy losses, units of the British Mediterranean Fleet operating in the region of Crete carried out the tasks allotted to them.

He concluded: "The battle of Crete demonstrates again the tremendous significance of the full cooperation of all types of arms; it shows especially the necessity of thorough preparation and consolidation of landing operations and defences against enemy landings." — Reuter.



The King, accompanied by the Queen, recently visited several R.A.F. stations where he inspected the personnel and presented honours and awards. Photo shows the King investing Group Captain O. R. Gayford, D.F.C., A.F.C., with the C.B.E. In February, 1933, S/Ldr. Gayford, as he then was, established a world's long distance record for a flight from Cranwell to Walvisch Bay, South West Africa, a distance of 5,340 miles, in 37 hours 25 minutes. He piloted the Fairey monoplane used in the flight.

STAGE SET FOR MEDITERRANEAN TESTING TIME

THE TESTING TIME in the Mediterranean is drawing near, declared the London evening newspapers yesterday, the "Star" saying: "The stage is set for a mighty struggle on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean."

"Axis strategy is to strike down through Syria and Palestine on one side and from Libya on the other."

YOUTHFUL RECRUITS FOR NAVY

Schoolboys and other young men may volunteer for the Navy, including the Fleet Air Arm, under a new "Y" scheme announced by the Admiralty in London yesterday.

They must have reached the age of 17 but will not be called for training until they are 18. Candidates accepted will be entered in the unpaid Navy Reserve and continue schooling until called up. They must have reached a certain educational standard, or have served a year in a junior training corps, Air Training Corps, the Army Cadet or Sea Cadet Corps.

Candidates can volunteer for training as pilot or observer in the Fleet Air Arm and if they satisfactorily complete the course of training they will be granted temporary commissions in the air branch of the Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Candidates accepted as seamen

"The reverses in Greece and Crete should not make us forget that we owe the chief successes of our arms in this war to General Wavell's skill."

"The testing time is drawing nearer. The valour and quality of our fighting men have been proved in many fierce encounters against heavy odds."

All Out Watchword

"The least they deserve is every support in machines and equipment that our workshops can give them, coupled with resolve on the part of our High Command to abandon all old-fashioned notions of strategy, tactics and technique."

"The Germans are likely to stake everything on a decision this summer, before American help becomes an avalanche, and Hitler thinking in terms of a total war, a lightning war of 100 per cent effort."

"Our watchword must be 'all out.'" — Reuter.

can also be recommended for temporary commissions. Men already registered who wish to be pilots or observers in the Fleet Air Arm, if under 28, can volunteer under the "Y" Scheme. University students are eligible and if possible will complete their course of study before being called for naval training. — Reuter.

STRIKERS HOLD UP SUPPLIES FOR BRITAIN

Millions of dollars worth of defence materials for Britain have been immobilised in New York by a strike of 1,400 warehouse workers in New York warehouses.

The strikers are demanding an increase in wages. — Reuter.

APPROVAL OF U.S.A. ASSURED

There is no doubt that whatever steps Britain is forced to take in Syria, she will have the whole-hearted approval of the United States as the press and public continue their denunciation of the Darlan policy.

In a trenchant editorial, the "Washington Post" says that if Darlan's remarks mean anything, France is prepared not only to kiss the rod which beat her, but will wield it against a nation to which her people must look for their salvation.

The paper goes on to say that Hitlerism is America's declared enemy and France cannot be a friend of Germany and also of the United States. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL VISIT

The Governor of Kenya, Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, and Lady Moore have left for the Congo by air on an official visit to the Governor-General, it was officially announced in Nairobi yesterday. — Reuter.

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DE GAULLE TO LEAD ATTACK?

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At Head Of Free French Forces

FOREIGN REPORTS OF THE PRESENCE OF GENERAL DE GAULLE, LEADER OF FREE FRANCE, IN JERUSALEM AT THE HEAD OF A FREE FRENCH FORCE, ARE NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED IN EITHER FREE FRENCH OR BRITISH QUARTERS IN LONDON BUT THEY SERVE TO EMPHASISE THE IDENTITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN FREE FRANCE AND BRITAIN IN THE SYRIAN QUESTION, AS IN OTHER MATTERS.

Since General de Gaulle returned to Cairo about 11 days ago, to be in close touch with developments in Syria and elsewhere, there had been no further news of his movements until yesterday.

Meanwhile, the reported decision of the Vichy Government to defend the French Empire "single-handed" is significant in several ways.

The announcement seems destined to meet charges which are being increasingly heard in France that the French are not master in their own house, and the fact that such an announcement is thought necessary at present may doubtless be taken as a measure of the dissatisfaction felt in France and the French Empire at Vichy's policy.

The phrase "fighting single-handed" is doubtless German-inspired.

German Lure?

It would pay the Germans well to lure the Vichy forces into single-handed hostilities while the German army made its preparations leisurely and then made a dramatic entry at the critical moment.

Whatever phrases Vichy employs, however, the fact remains her troops can fight only with German-made arms in French factories now under German control.

Further reports from France of increasing attacks by night on the German forces in Occupied France seem to suggest increasing dissatisfaction among loyal Frenchmen at German control there.

Knowledge that German military activity is in full flood, both in Morocco and Syria, will certainly do little to allay this resentment. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN SCHEME FOR AIRMEN

Since the inauguration of the Empire Air Scheme 180,455 men have applied to enlist in the Royal Australian Air Force and it is announced that the Federal Cabinet has approved a spare time training plan to put members of the R.A.A.F. in skilled occupations after the war.

The scheme, costing £50,000 per year, will assist skilled men to refresh that knowledge of former occupations and help others to secure suitable work. — British Wireless.

THE QUIETEST MONTH

May was the quietest month for the lifeboat service since war began. Boats were launched 50 times to vessels in distress and 27 lives were saved.

There were three times as many launches and twice as many lives saved as the average for May in years of peace. — British Wireless.

WISHES AHEAD OF REALITY

Transocean, the official German news service, yesterday contained a news item under the date-line Beirut which states that "the French Major de Collet apparently has committed suicide."

Once again German propagandists have allowed their wishes to run ahead of reality.

Apart from the fact that the French officer who came over to the side of the Free French was Colonel Collet, not Major de Collet, and that he not only attempted but succeeded to cross into Palestine, informed London circles have no reason to believe Collet is not in the best of health.

This killing off on paper of her enemies recalls recent German claims that General Freyberg who commanded the Allied forces in Crete, had been shot down on the way to Alexandria. As already stated General Freyberg was at the time fighting in Crete with his men. — British Wireless.

EGYPTIAN CABINET RESHUFFLE

An Egyptian Cabinet reshuffle is taking place in Cairo; members of the Cabinet submitted their resignations to King Farouk last night.

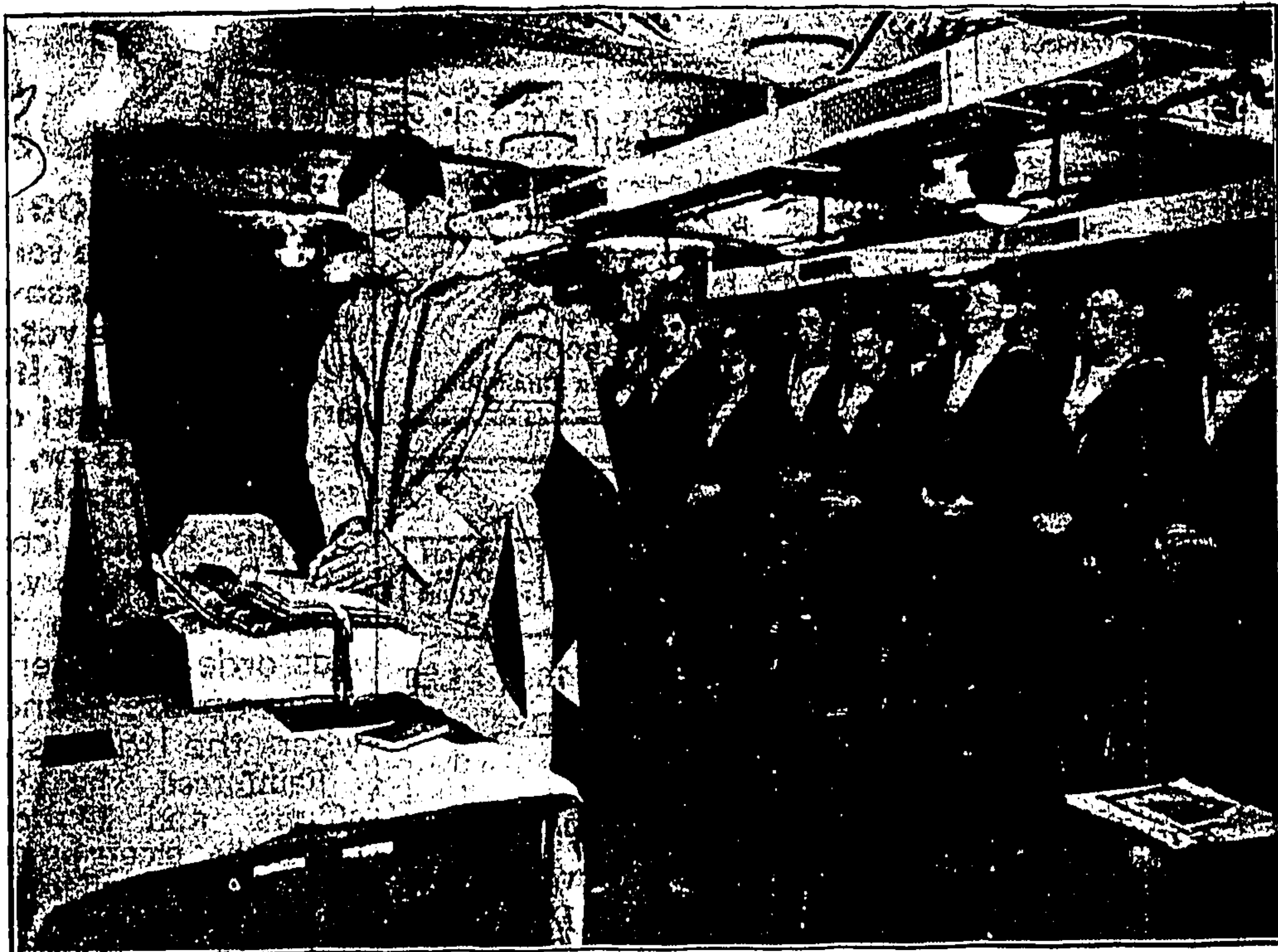
It is understood the reforming of the Cabinet will be completed to-day under the same Premier and with the Saadist Party and the Wafd Party still refusing to join the Government.

While the Wafd, however, will still remain outside the Cabinet, this is purely a question of internal politics and has nothing to do with external affairs.

The Wafd wants general elections held first before entering a National Government, whereas the other parties consider this undesirable in wartime.

The idea of further broadening the basis of the Government is generally welcomed in Cairo. — Reuter.

Western Australia is the first State to achieve the total contributions of £6,250 needed to buy a Spitfire. — British Wireless.



Roman Catholic chaplains are not carried in all British navy ships, but one is attached to a ship in each squadron and generally to each naval establishment. Photo shows Mass in progress on the Recreation Deck.

NAZI DELEGATES AT EX-KAISER'S FUNERAL

Delegations from the Reich are expected to attend the funeral of the ex-Kaiser on Monday in the Castle Chapel at Doorn, says a message to the Official German News Agency from Doorn.

Otherwise the ceremony will be confined to members of the family, according to the ex-Kaiser's wishes. — Reuter.

KIRKUK IN BRITISH HANDS

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST RELIABLE NEWS REACHING LONDON THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRAQ APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING FAVOURABLY.

Both at Kirkuk, which is the real centre for the oilfields, and at Mosul, the Iraq authorities seem to be conforming with instructions received from the newly constituted government at Baghdad.

It appears, therefore, that the important town of Kirkuk is definitely not in rebel hands. — British Wireless.

HMS PERTH BOMBED

A Melbourne press message states Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister of Navy, revealed that during the evacuation from Crete the cruiser Perth, which transported 1,000 troops, was intensively bombed.

Though she was hit and sustained damage from a near miss she was safe. Four were killed and three injured. — British Wireless.

R.A.F. OFFICER'S CRETE THRILLS

THE THRILLING series of adventures of a Flight Lieutenant in Crete are described in an Air Ministry bulletin, which says that after attacking Maleme airfield in Crete, during which he shot down two enemy aircraft, Flight Lieutenant Honour was himself shot down into the sea.

His plane dived 40 feet below the surface but Honour managed to come to the top and after a four hours' swim reached the coast of Crete. He spent the night in an icy cold cave.

All next day he walked on, spent the night in a disused church and drank from its stagnant well. Next day he found some lentils in a goat herd's hut.

After more tramping he came upon a village. He was given water, goat's milk, cheese and rye bread and was informed that another British pilot, who had been shot down that day, was also in the village.

Friendly discussion proceeded as to whether the villagers should turn them over to the enemy, who were surrounding the village. Already six of the villagers had been shot by the Germans for supposedly withholding information.

Lucky Rescue

They decided, however, to attempt to find their way through the German lines.

After a meal of egg and chips given them by French-speaking peasants they saw at dusk "Me. 109's" attacking a nearby aerodrome.

They heard an aircraft approaching the island and thought it was German, but on its approach saw it to be a Sunderland.

They signalled with pocket torches in Morse: "R.A.F. here, R.A.F. here."

Though it was a million to one chance the Sunderland pilot would see the signalling he did so and managed to land and take off the two R.A.F. pilots.

Flight Lieutenant Honour is now back again on duty with his Hurricane squadron and it has just been announced that he has been awarded an immediate bar to the D.F.C.

He has already shot down nine enemy aircraft. — British Wireless.

ASH TRAYS TO WAR SUPPLIES

The King yesterday saw great use being made of plastic work for war production when he visited a war factory in the Home Counties.

The factory, which before the war produced fountain pens, telephone instruments and ash trays, now turns out seats for fighter aeroplanes, wireless containers and other containers for radio equipment in planes.

The King also visited a shell factory where he saw the three millionth shell of a certain type being turned out. His Majesty saw red-hot ingots pulled from the furnace at one end of the factory while at the other end he saw the completed shell. He was told the process occupied only half an hour. — British Wireless.

AIR MARSHAL AT THE PALACE

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore was received in audience by the King yesterday on relinquishing his appointment as Air Officer C.-in-C. Middle East Command R.A.F., to become Inspector General of the R.A.F. The King invested him with the insignia of the G.C.B. — British Wireless.

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INDIAN NAVAL CHASE OF ITALIANS OFF MASSAWA

HOW A SLOOP of the Royal Indian Navy was responsible for the capture of two Italian islands off Massawa and how a small party from the same vessel chased and finally captured a party of Italian soldiers, including a brigadier-general and a colonel who tried to escape in a dhow, is recounted in a despatch received in Simla yesterday.

The sloop, commanded by an officer from Poona who was the first officer to hold a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve, was ordered after the fall of Massawa, to clean up the islands of Nocra and Dahlak, where the Italians were still in occupation.

Reinforced by three officers and 12 other ranks the sloop proceeded to Nocra, where 900 Italians, Germans and Eritreans capitulated without semblance of a fight.

A number of Abyssinian political prisoners were rescued from the island.

Receiving information here that a party of Federales, well-armed and determined to resist to the death, had made off into the interior of the island of Dahlak, a party from the sloop, consisting of a political officer, two deck officers, two ratings, four soldiers and two aides, set out to intercept the Federales.

After a long search across the dunes they were unable to find the enemy but later the Italians were reported to have put to sea in a dhow in an effort to escape to the Yemen mainland across the Red Sea.

The search party immediately commandeered a fast dhow and set off in pursuit.

One Adventure Of Many

About noon the enemy was sighted and the Indian Navy party brought a machine-gun and four rifles to bear on the fleeing dhow. The enemy surrendered without a fight, the bag including a brigadier-general and a colonel.

This adventure, the despatch adds, was only one of many bold and skilful operations undertaken by the Royal Indian Navy during naval cooperation with the Imperial land forces in the overthrow of Italian power in Eritrea.

These ships helped to open the coast road from Port Sudan leading down to Massawa, transported Indian, British, French and African troops to Mersa Taklai, improvised operational bases on the Eritrean coast, continued to ensure an adequate supply of munitions, food and water to the troops and removed many hundred Italian prisoners as part of return trips.—Reuter.

NAILING COLOURS TO THE MAST

AT LEAST ONE ITALIAN NAILED HIS COLOURS TO THE MAST DURING THE SOMALILAND CAMPAIGN. A BARGE, FLYING A STRANGELY SHAPED FLAG, HAD BEEN SEEN OFF THE COAST JUST BEFORE THE CAPTURE OF KISMAYU. THE PILOT OF A SOUTH AFRICAN RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT PROVIDED THE EXPLANATION. LATER.

"I came down to look at the barge," he said, "and as I dived, I saw someone on the deck pull off his shirt and wave it frantically at me."

"When I came back and dived again I noticed that he had nailed his shirt to the mast and was standing on the deck pointing at it."

The shirt was not the black symbol of Fascism but the white token of surrender.

GREEK PREMIER CONFIDENT

Utter confidence in final victory is expressed by the Greek Prime Minister, M. Tsouderos, in a message from Cairo to the Greek people "because God and Right are with us and Greece cannot die."

The message continues: "The struggle continues. At the side of our great Allies, Greek regiments, warships and aeroplanes are re-organising to fight the enemy wherever he be in order to liberate Greece."

"One million Greeks scattered in the four corners of the earth are collaborating with all their strength."

"Our one aim is to win. We shall win!"—Reuter.

THE SWASTIKA WILL WAVE NO MORE

Four stormy years of waving swastika flags and shouting "Heil" at Camp Nordland, New Jersey, came to an end yesterday with the sale of the camp and surrender of the charter of the German-American Bund in New Jersey State.

The Bund's counsel revealed that the camp was sold for \$23,500 to 217 individual mortgagees and the charter returned to the Secretary of State—a few hours after the New Jersey State Legislature passed a law repealing the charter.—Reuter.

AUTHOR'S 'FAREWELL TO WORLD' LETTER

POLICE SEARCHING FOR MRS. VIRGINIA WOOLF, FIFTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD NOVELIST, MISSING FROM HER HOME AT RODNELL, NEAR LEWES, SUSSEX, HAVE A LETTER WRITTEN BY HER IN WHICH SHE "BIDS THE WORLD FAREWELL."

Footprints leading to the river have provided a clue to her fate. At the bank detectives found her favourite walking-stick without which she never went outside her doors.

The fast flowing tide stopped the police from dragging the river.

SPACIOUS SKATING RINK TO OPEN SOON

ROLLER-SKATING IN THE COLONY HAS COME TO STAY; AND THE LARGEST AND MOST UP TO DATE COMBINED INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RINK WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH, THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNED THIS MORNING FROM THE SPONSORS OF THE PROJECT.

The indoor rink with floor space of some 20,000 square feet will be located on the upper floor of the former Dragon Garage in Happy Valley, while the outdoor rink—some 5,000 square feet—will be situated at the rear of the building, off Blue Pool Road.

The rinks will be fitted out with the most up to date equipment and a modern soda fountain is to be installed, with novelty side-shows.

Other Additions

The project includes a dancing floor and a restaurant but these are to be added later. An air conditioning system may also be installed in future, it was learned.

One of the chief sponsors, Mr. Tsang Fuk-lam, brother of the well-known Dr. Tsang Fuk-cho, stated yesterday that as a result of the anti-tuberculosis movement inaugurated by the Hon. Director of Medical Services, the general public have come to realise the importance of hygiene and

physical culture, especially outdoor recreation.

To Accommodate 1,000

Apart from other physical exercises, pointed out Mr. Tsang, roller-skating has become very popular in Hong Kong, resulting in over 10 skating rinks being opened in the Colony in the past six months. But none have made any provision for rainy days. To meet this need, the spacious indoor rink will be opened soon in Happy Valley.

Both rinks will be able to accommodate some 1,000 patrons. Mr. Tsang concluded that outdoor recreation, such as roller-skating, will contribute a great deal to improving the health of the general public. He conceived the idea of providing a healthy indoor recreation as far back as 1937 when he heard his brother, Dr. Tsang Fuk-cho, voice the necessity of promoting physical culture by means of healthy and wholesome amusements.

MUTT AND JEFF



By BUD FISHER

COMPOSITE AIRCRAFT DAMAGED

The Maia, bottom half of the Mayo composite "pick-a-back" aircraft, has been damaged and rendered unserviceable in a British harbour.

At the beginning of the war the pick-a-back plane, which was one of the world's most expensive aircraft, was released to the Air Ministry for duty with the Royal Air Force Coastal Command, but, apart from a few special service flights, she did not take the air often.

Damage to the Maia breaks the partnership with the smaller upper half of the aircraft, Mercury, which went into service with the Imperial Airways before the war following non-stop flights across the Atlantic and to South Africa.—Reuter.

NEW U.S. TREATY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Buenos Aires newspapers yesterday stated that a comprehensive commercial treaty between the United States and Argentina has been virtually completed and will be signed in the near future. In Washington the State Department announced that completion of

NEW YORK MASS FOR BRITAIN

Many distinguished persons were present yesterday at a solemn Pontifical Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, for the people of Britain.

Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, Mr. Wendell Willkie, Governor Lehmann of New York State, Archduke Otto and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennedy were among those attending as well as representatives of South Africa, Canada, Australia and India.

Archbishop Spellman in the course of a striking address said "Governments of man have Stuka-dived into paganism, strafed the Ten Commandments and bombed the Sermon on the Mount."

He read a cable from Cardinal Hinsley thanking the American people for their help.

The Rev. Phillip Furlong, President of the Cathedral College of New York, in the course of a sermon said that the bombing of Westminster Abbey "produced in most Americans a special sense of injury." — Reuter.

the commercial negotiations will await a public hearing on June 10. The treaty will be in effect a reciprocal trade pact.

Similar negotiations are under way with Uruguay. International News Service.

POLISH FORCES READY

General Sikorski's visit to the United States and his conversation with President Roosevelt aroused great enthusiasm in Poland, declared the Polish Commander-in-Chief in a statement on the results of his American tour to the Polish National Council in London yesterday.

The Polish President, M. Raczewski, and all members of the Government were present. General Sikorski was welcomed by the acting Vice-Chairman of the National Council, Dr. Lieberman, well-known Polish Socialist leader.

General Sikorski said Polish pilots and sailors were on active service and the Polish Brigade in the Middle East under the command of General Wavell has taken up its position.

Polish forces which were defending an important sector of Britain could easily be enlarged by new recruits from Polish manpower in the Western Hemisphere.

The organisation of Polish military training camps in Canada therefore had become an acute problem and the Polish Government had decided to spend part of its gold reserves for this object.

The first large comfortable camp will be established at Owen Sound, Ontario, and the second in Windsor. General Sikorski hoped the Polish forces might further be enlarged next year in readiness for offensive action on the Continent.

He paid a warm tribute to the assistance the United States is giving the Allies and expressed sincere belief that the unlimited potentialities of the United States war industry would bring victory. — Reuter.

MARKING TIME ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was narrowly irregular yesterday, operators tending to mark time in view of the eastern Mediterranean uncertainty. Gilt-edged securities were fractionally lower and Industrials irregular. B.A.T.'s were 84s 4d against 87s 6d on the reduction of the interim dividend from 9d to 7d, while stores again were lower. There was some improvement in Kaffirs where the Cape bought non-producers. Oils occasionally suffered minor losses. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

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1 Discount
5 Man's name
8 Novel by Zola
12 Listless
15 Cravat
16 Coquette
17 Poetic: It is
18 Preposition
19 Solar disc
20 Hawaiian bird
22 Seal
23 Always
24 State of affairs
26 Mexican gentleman
28 To place
29 To imitate
32 To conspire
33 Nave of a wheel
34 Among
35 Isle
36 Craze
37 Composed
38 Poetic: cold
40 Mountain in Arabia
41 Prefix: two
42 Teutonic deity
43 Mexican coin
44 French article

46 To recede
48 Northeastern state
50 Pen-point
51 Fibre plant
53 Law: things
54 Bacteriologist's wire
55 Topic
56 Before
57 For fear that

VERTICAL
1 Feminine singing voice
2 Profit
3 Frozen water
4 Colloquial: fine
5 Lazy person
6 Precipitation
7 Atmosphere
8 Symbol for nickel
9 To behave

10 To fasten
11 Besides
13 Following
14 Ermine
19 River in England
21 Bone
23 Growing out
24 English slang: inn
25 Group of islands in the Pacific
26 Resort
27 Worthy of acceptance
28 Seed covering
30 Without mercy
31 Holland commune
33 Owned
34 Italian river
36 Secure
37 Learned
39 French article
40 To feel
41 To defeat
43 Wharf
45 To aid
47 Rectangular container
49 Part of "to be"
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52 Latin conjunction
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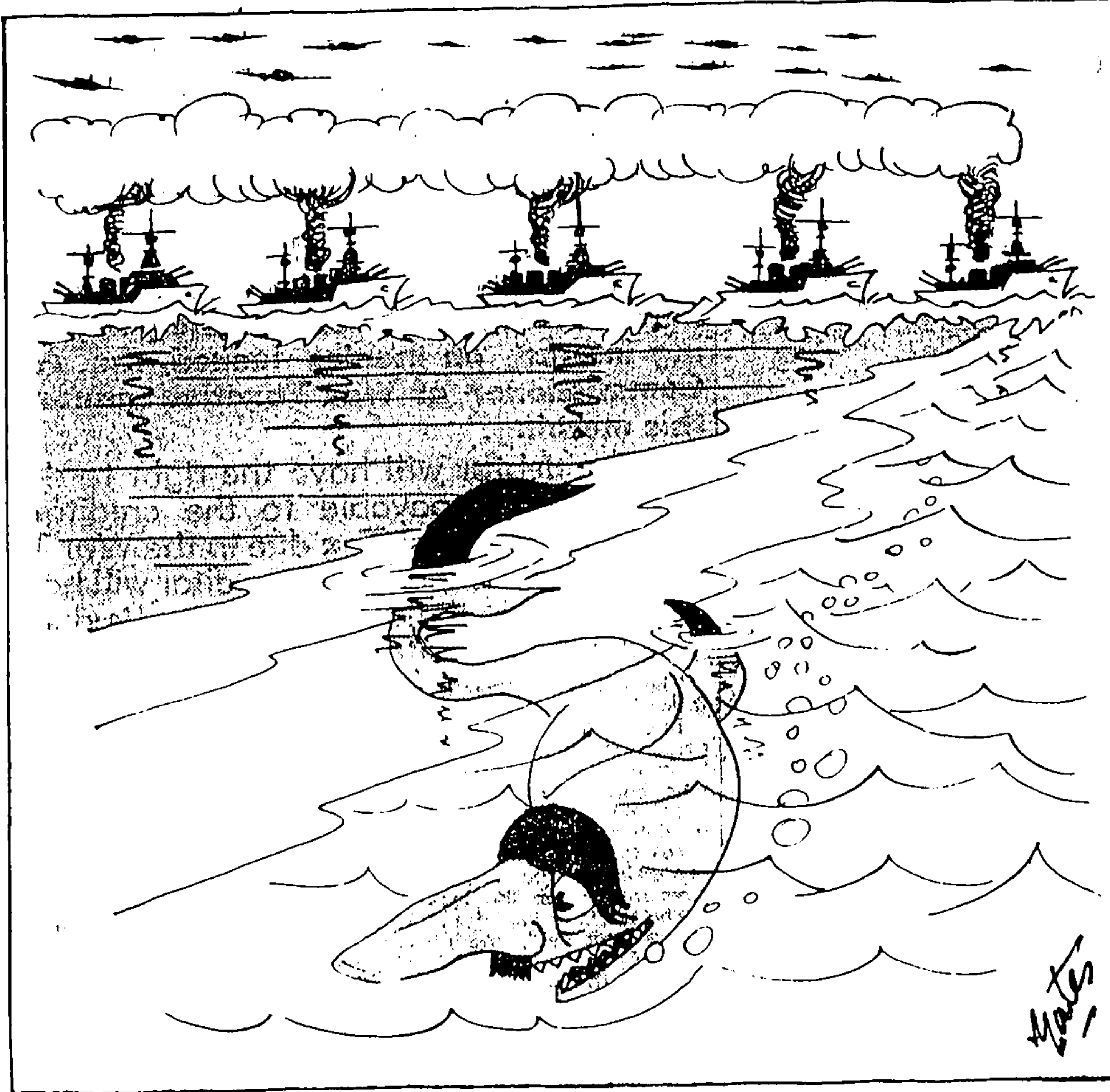
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HIMMLER IN NORWAY

Major Vidkun Quisling, regarded as a traitor by the great mass of Norwegians, is finding out that as a Nazi agent he has not been sufficiently tough. His fellow-countrymen scorned his edicts as Hitler's Gauleiter in Oslo, ignored his propaganda efforts and booed his public meetings. He had to appeal to Berlin for help. In response they sent Himmler to show him how to operate. Information from western Norway getting out through Stockholm now tells of terror exceeding anything previously experienced throughout that region; of man hunts to seize actual and potential opponents and of an increasing number of suicides. Such are Himmler's methods and the results they bring.

Throughout Germany since Hitler came to power, and throughout the countries overswept by nazism since, there are countless gravestones as testimony to the ruthlessness of Heinrich Himmler. He is an epitome of the brutality which has disgraced the party movement from the beginning. He originated the Nazi torture chambers. He dotted the Reich with concentration camps. With every Nazi excess his influence has grown, so that in certain eventualities he may become the most powerful man in Germany. He commands all the police and the black-uniformed Schutzstaffel regiments, which rank on an equality with the army. Most sinister of all, he heads the Gestapo, the secret police feared by great and small.

When Austria fell, Himmler's Gestapo arrived alongside of, and in some cases even ahead of, the invading troops. Since then, the Gestapo has moved into Poland, Belgium and the Netherlands. Now it is Norway's turn. Application of the Himmler methods will not be easy in a country of widely dispersed villages, poor communications and imbued with a wholesome hatred of spies and spying. But the efficiency of the Gestapo machine is undeniable. Its progress in Norway is being marked by a new trail of blood and suffering.



THE MENACE

British Stage Shares War Effort

By
Clifford Webb

When the blitz cracked down on London's night life and sent the stoppers-out to shelters instead of stalls, a number of the best-known West-End theatrical companies packed up and went out into the provinces on tour.

They made what appeared to be a wise move.

After all, it was no good even the bravest playing to empty houses. While London was the target of the provincial cities staged a minor theatrical boom.

Before long the blitz shifted and spread. One night it was the turn of Cardiff, busily humming commercial city of South Wales. To hear the sirens. There was still half an hour to go before the evening performance was due to begin, but already the local theatre was half filled.

When the anti-aircraft guns started to thump the customers exchanged anxious glances.

As it turned out there was little they could do. The man on the door came in with the news that incendiaries were showering. Already there was a ring of fire around the theatre. Safer for everybody to stay put.

Behind the curtain the company had already decided to carry on with the show. Two of the actors, presumably cut off by the fires had not turned up. Understudies were pressed into service.

There was a feverish five-minute rehearsal, while bombs and guns pounded away. The curtain went up to the feeble applause of a fearful, yet far from panic-stricken audience.

Now let Leslie Banks, star of the show, and British soldier in the last War take up the story.

"The first 20 minutes was a jumble. The fact that we had two understudies making their debut under fire, not at all sure of their parts and quite naturally a bit jumpy kept the minds of the rest of the company from thinking about the probability of a bomb hit on the theatre.

"Slowly we were winning the confidence of the audience, but things looked pretty grim when a couple of high explosives fell near enough to rock the theatre on its foundations.

"Then there occurred one of those happy coincidences. Just as a particularly big wallop sounded I had to say, 'Well, I think I'd better be going now.'

A Grand Giggle

"Somebody but in front giggled. Then everybody laughed. I think the company would have gone on while the theatre burned after that. It was a grand giggle.

"And it couldn't have happened at a better time. The next bomb was the nearest. The big outer doors of the theatre through which the scenery is taken blew in with a crash. Every door on the set was being violently open. The scenery shook like leaves in the wind.

"Wonder of wonders. My line to coincide with this was 'Don't worry about that now, I'll clear it up in the morning.'

"The tension definitely broke at that. Everybody roared. The audience cheered almost every word in the show from then on. It was more like a gala night."

Actors and audience finally got out near midnight. There was no show the next day, while repairs to the theatre were put in hand, but on the following day the company played to a bumper matinee audience.

Before the end of the week, despite further raids, the business was as good as it had ever been.

Acting in the blitz certainly has its moments in Britain. But fortunately most of the theatres which have been badly damaged have been hit while they were empty.

The blitz hardly ever shuts a show. Stage folk have found that one wisecrack is worth any amount of speeches from serious-faced managers. The spirit of George Robey, who calmed a badly frightened audience in London during the last War by rolling his eyes upwards and murmuring "shur-rup" as a zeppelin bomb fell too close for comfort, still lives behind the footlights.

Quite a crowd of British actors and actresses have actually courted danger and acute discomfort by enrolling with the Entertainment National Service Association (ENSA), the organisation responsible for carrying the theatre to Army and Air Force camps, to Naval barracks and to arms and munitions factories.

The experiences of these hitherto soft-living, pampered idols of the fans form a worth-while chapter for inclusion in any modern history of the theatre.

Concert Parties Gunned

They drive hundreds of miles in black-out conditions during the

depths of a hard winter to stage shows bang in the middle of red-hot Army targets.

Sing-song parties have been machine-gunned along the roads and forced to crawl under their wagons for shelter. When the raiders have passed they have gone on to play in front of bullet-ridden scenery in crude hut-theatres but before audiences of troops who have loved every minute of the show.

One party stopped when a low-flying aeroplane appeared to be about to land, thinking the pilot might be a Britisher in need of assistance. As soon as they were spotted, however, they were fired on.

They hopped back into their car and made for the nearest police station.

Their directions helped the police and military authorities to capture the crew of a disabled German bomber which had been eventually forced to land a few miles away.

They frequently dress in tents, by candle light, in stables, cowsheds, or any place that is handy.

Some of the ENSA artists playing to the fighting services in Britain now, underwent their baptism of fire in France during the terrible winter that preceded the German "push."

They played, over there, in chapels, churches, bakeries and even in country inns. But even France had nothing quite so grim to offer as dressing accommodation as the building recently turned over to an ENSA party "Somewhere in England." The building was a mortuary!

A stage comprising board, precariously perched on barrels is no isolated experience.

A girl from one company which recently put over a show on a crude stage of this kind said afterwards, "It was a bit hard on the tap-dancer, but we go through O.K. If anybody had played 'Roll out the Barrel,' I think I should have screamed."

Billets for which advance arrangements can be made are not always easy to find. Frequently it is necessary to make long night tramps looking for accommodation, which may be reduced to one small room for five girls.

One party found that the only available place in which to stay for the few days during which their show was scheduled to run was a small room in the tiny cottage of an old lady who lived alone.

During the first night the old lady was taken ill. So, for the whole period the artists took it on themselves to nurse her and to look after themselves. This, in spite of the fact that all the water had to be carried from a well some distance away.

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**H.K. Interest Tax
Explained****THE LIABILITY OF** paying the newly instituted Interest Tax lies with the party who borrows money and not with the party receiving interest on monies loaned, the Acting Commissioner of War Taxation announced this morning.

The debtor will have the right to deduct from interest payable to the creditor the amount of Interest Tax due to the War Taxation Department and the Creditor will have no claim against the debtor because he does not receive his full interest.

The official statement was as follows:

Interest Tax is payable by any person (including a partnership, body of persons, or corporation) who borrows money

(a) on a mortgage, bill of sale, or debenture;

(b) for the purpose of his trade, profession or business, and who pays interest on the loan.

The tax is at the rate of 14% on the interest paid, and it is payable to the Commissioner of War Taxation at the same time as the interest is paid. For example, if you, as a borrower, have to pay a sum of \$100 as interest, you must not pay the full amount to your creditor; you should pay him only \$86 and you must pay the balance of \$14 at once to the Commissioner of War Taxation. If you forget about Interest Tax, and pay the full amount of \$100, you will still have to pay tax of \$14 to the Commissioner, but in this case you may recover this sum from your creditor.

No Claim

Your creditor has no claim against you because he does not receive his full interest, but if he asks, you must give him an account of the deduction you have made in the form of a certificate which you can obtain from the War Taxation Department on application.

Interest paid to a limited liability company or to an approved bank is not subject to Interest Tax, and therefore any person who borrows only from a limited liability company or an approved bank is not affected by this tax. A list of approved banks will be published and will be obtainable from the War Taxation Department.

Anyone in doubt about this tax should apply for advice to the War Taxation Department. This paper is issued without authority in an attempt to help the public to understand the working of the new tax.

**ISLAND
TAKES
FIVE HUNS**

While Devon fishermen and their families looked on, five German airmen were landed from a naval patrol vessel on the little stone quay at Appledore and taken away to be interned.

They had been captured by the handful of people—eight or nine men and their wives and two land girls—who form the population of Lundy Island, in the Bristol Channel. Their bomber crashed there after being shot down.

The plane, a Heinkel 111 twin-engined bomber, was burnt to scrap. The crew escaped injury, but though armed, they had no fight left in them when the islanders went out in a body to round them up.

"They seemed terribly frightened about what we would do to them," an islander said. "We gave them food and kept them in a barn until the naval vessel arrived."

**SYRIAN TRADE
FORBIDDEN**

The Egyptian Ministry of Finance has placed Syria on the list of countries with which it is forbidden to trade as "being occupied either by Germany or Italy."—Reuter.

**HE GIVES
G.M. TO
HIS MEN**

A former deputy-chief A.R.P. warden, awarded the George Medal for rescuing people from wrecked buildings and for dangerous work in bomb disposal, has given it to the men who manned his post.

He is Philip D. Whitting, of Hammersmith, W., now a pilot officer in the R.A.F.

"It belongs to them as much as it does to me," he says.

The medal is to be framed and exhibited in turn at all the A.R.P. posts in the Hammersmith district. This will be inscribed in the frame:

"This medal, awarded to a Hammersmith warden, is a tribute to the splendid spirit and unselfish cooperation displayed by members of all A.R.P. services."

"It belongs to all of you who worked day in, day out, for the safety of the borough."

**MYSTERY
U.S. NAVY
ORDER**

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY DIRECTING THAT AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF COAST GUARD OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN BE TRANSFERRED TO HELP OPERATE CERTAIN NAVAL VESSELS.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Commission has issued a list of 28 merchant vessels, including the liner America, which have been acquired for the army and navy.—Reuter.

**NAZIS MAY GET
FRENCH BASES**

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

REPORTS OF FURTHER plans for collaboration between Vichy and the Nazis were current in London yesterday, and though they do not so far find confirmation in official circles, they are interesting indications of German aspirations regarding French resistance.

One of these reports suggests that under the terms of the Hitler-Darlan agreement six French naval bases are to be made available for joint use by the French and German Fleets.

The ports mentioned were Sète, on the Mediterranean coast of France, Beirut in Syria, Villefranche near Nice, Algiers, Casablanca and Dakar.

If this report is borne out by developments it is obviously of first class importance. Possession of Dakar would put German ships at a base where the distance between Africa and the South American continent is no more than about 2,000 miles, and would also constitute a further menace to British shipping from West African ports.—Reuter.

**ENGINEERING
— BY COLOUR**

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**SAYS MEN
HAVE 'TURK
COMPLEX'**

Much opposition to family allowances was due to the "Turk" complex among men, said Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., in London recently.

"The man who is really a tyrant," she said, "rejoices in the tremendous control which the holding of the purse strings gives him."

"The man who is not a tyrant likes to picture himself with a wife and children clinging to him as the giver of all good things."

Miss Rathbone said that she favoured a State-supported flat rate allowances scheme of 5s. or 6s. a week for all children under fifteen. If this were not possible she would welcome a scheme for allowances which began with the second child.

"And we ought to fight like tigers to get these allowances paid to the mother," she added.

Miss Rathbone said that a State scheme of 5s. per child for all under fifteen would cost £132,000,000 a year, or £118,000,000 after allowing for all existing allowances.

NAVY RING BURIED 19 YEARS IN YANGTZE RIVER

(By BESSIE HACKETT)

ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO a young ensign, fresh out of Annapolis, lost his class ring while serving his first tour of duty in China. He searched, but when he sailed back to the United States, his ring was still "somewhere in China."

To-day that ring is on its way back to its owner, Lieut. Comdr. Donald Francis Smith, commandant of Floyd Bennett airport in New York. The ring arrived in Manila recently in the possession of Lieutenant (jg) William J. Lederer Jr., who rescued it from a Chinese who claimed to have fished it out of the Yangtze river, where it had apparently lain for about 19 years.

Last December this Chinese was visited by misfortune when his coal junk sank in the rapids of the Yangtze river. Dredging to recover his lost cargo, the Chinese spied in one load of coal and found a glittering object which he recognised as a navy ring. He took the ring to the cook of the USS Tutuila, anchored on the Yangtze river at Chungking, and suggested that perhaps one of the officers would care to buy it. Approached by the cook, Lieutenant Lederer recovered the ring by paying the Chinese approximately ten dollars gold.

Despite the years it has been knocked around in China or been buried in the silt of the Yangtze river, the ring is in good condition. Set with a translucent, sea-green stone, the engraving is clear and identifies it as belonging to the class of 1921. Inside is etched "Donald Francis Smith, United States Navy."

Odd Coincidence

Lieutenant Lederer has communicated with Lieut. Comdr. Smith and will deliver the ring to him in New York when he reports for duty to his new station in Kearney, New Jersey, in July.

An odd coincidence is the fact Lieutenant Lederer lost his own class ring while on duty in Chungking this past year.

GLORIOUS FOURTH AS USUAL

THE TRADITIONAL DRESS OF SWALLOW-TAILS AND SILK HATS WAS ADHERED TO BY ETON COLLEGE BOYS IN YESTERDAY'S JUNE 4 CELEBRATIONS. BUT CLOTHES RATIONING MAY MAKE IT THE LAST TIME UNTIL AFTER THE WAR.

Otherwise the celebrations were among the quietest on record. The bombing of the Upper School last December made it impossible for speeches to be delivered in the historic building for the first time in 170 years.—Reuter.

'TOTAL NEW ORDER' CALLED NAZI AIM

The semi-official commentary Dienst aus Deutschland, discussing what it called British reports that Germany has certain obscure designs concerning Spain, Portugal, and Turkey, coined the phrase: "The new unified European order is indivisible."

The commentary said the war had started as internal differences between Poland and Germany, but had grown into "a war for a total European new order," and added:

"Unification of the continent as the most important fruit of the war must, according to the German conviction, be total, and (something) from which no land can hold aloof."

"All countries of the continent, including those which stand indecisively between the fronts, in this respect face fundamental decisions."—Associated Press.

NEW-TYPE CARRIER A HOPE FOR BRITAIN

The U.S. Navy's experiment in converting a standard cargo vessel into an aircraft carrier was viewed by unofficial observers as a possible future boon to Britain's raid-menaced shipping.

If the new carrier proved successful, it was suggested, Great Britain might receive a number of these craft to carry fighter planes which could combat German bombers preying on North Atlantic shipping.

Pursuit planes operating from such a carrier also might locate German submarines and attack them with depth charges.

Experimental Carrier

The U.S. Navy recently disclosed that the 7,886-ton Mormacmail was being converted at Newport News, Va., into an experimental carrier, but officials of the department declined to discuss possible expansion of the conversion programme. In other quarters, however, there were reports that from 16 to 30 such carriers might be developed.

The Navy acquired the Mormacmail from the Mormac Line at a cost of nearly \$3,000,000. It is one of the Maritime Commission's standard C-3 type vessels. One valuable feature was said to be in the speed—about forty-five days with which C-3 type ships could be turned into carriers. Involved is construction of a flight deck with a clearance of about the original deck, which would be transformed into a storage and service deck with connecting ramps. Moving of the bridge and stacks and installing of ballast to stabilise the vessel is also required.

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Now that the "bar" has been lifted, a large number of B.B.C. girls have married, and some already married are being taken on.

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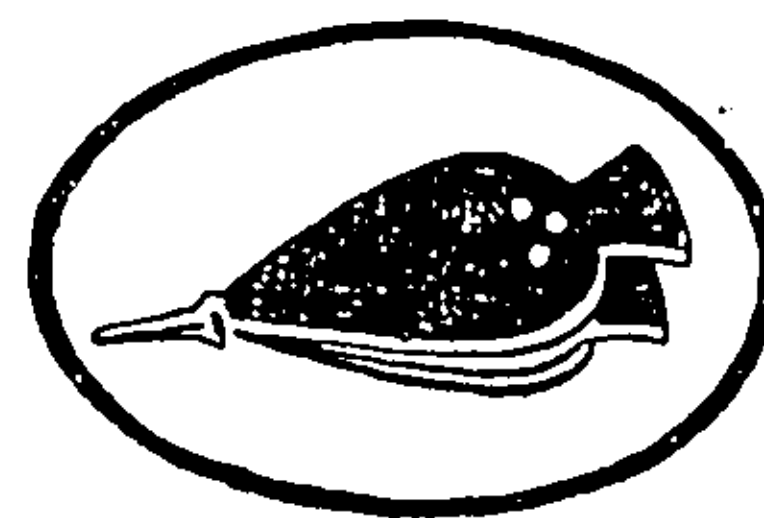
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The SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 10th July, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 3rd July to the 24th July inclusive.

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General Managers,
Hong Kong, 14th May, 1941.

GROUSE?--- TELL THE PRIVATE

If the British Army has "any complaints" in future, it knows where it can address them. Not any longer to the orderly officer, but to the private whom it has appointed to the messing committee.

An Army Order just issued brings into being men's messing committees for every unit in the Army and establishes nationally a scheme which has operated with great success in individual regiments for some time.

Each week a private from each company of the unit will meet under the chairmanship of the second-in-command to discuss food.

The past week's meals will be earnestly debated, the coming week's menus planned with an eye to the budget, the market and the men's fads and fancies.

One other man will attend these meetings—the cook-sergeant. Individuals reluctant to voice complaints to an officer will have no hesitation in letting their fellow-private know what they think of the food.

He can pass on their suggestions and likes and dislikes without giving the impression that he is a grouser. Compliments and complaints will go further than the second-in-command, for the Order requires that minutes shall be kept for production to catering advisers when they are visiting units.

TRAPPED DOG LIVES 14 DAYS

WORMING HIS WAY THROUGH THE WRECKAGE OF HIS BOMBED HOME IN BRISTOL, EX-SERVICEMAN NELSON WOODHAMS FED WITH EGG AND BRANDY HIS PET TERRIER WHICH HAD BEEN TRAPPED THERE FOR FOURTEEN DAYS.

Meanwhile, men from a demolition squad toiled for hours to release the dog, which was pinned in the cellar with a beam across its back.

As Mr. Woodhams entered his temporary home, he called out tenderly, "It's all right, chum. Father's here," and, whimpering with excitement, Prince, his black terrier, staggered into his arms.

The dog has created a record for, according to a P.D.S.A. official, until now the maximum time a dog has been known to live without water is eleven days.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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General Agents,
Hong Kong, 4th June, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

A GOOD DOUBLE

By The Four Aces

South was as much astonished as downcast at what happened to his not unreasonable bid. With as much high-card strength as the enemy, and playing at a trump of his own choice he could win only four out of the thirteen tricks!

West, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠	K 7 3	♠	A Q J 6
♥	Q 9 8 4	♥	A J 10 6
♦	8 3	♦	6 2
♣	A 7 6 3	♣	J 10 9

WEST		SOUTH	
♠	10 8 4	♠	9 5 2
♥	K 5 2	♥	7 3
♦	Q 10 7 4	♦	A K J 9 6
♣	K 8 4	♣	Q 5 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	2♦
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West's double was a very fine one. He knew that East held

a near-minimum opening bid; but with such excellent diamonds behind a player who apparently feared to bid on the first round, he thought he could collect a penalty.

The play proved him a good prophet. West opened the ten of spades, and the defenders rattled off three tricks in that suit. East then led the Jack of Clubs, South played the Queen, and West's King forced out dummy's Ace.

A heart was returned from dummy, and East's ten held. East led a trump, and South took his Ace. South led his other heart, hoping to ruff later rounds of hearts with his small trumps. But East took the heart and led another trump through.

South finessed the Diamond Jack, and west took the Queen and returned a club. East took his two club tricks and led the last spade. When the smoke cleared, South was down four tricks for a penalty of 1100 points!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠	J 9 3 2
♥	8 4
♦	J 9 5 3 2
♣	9 6

The bidding:
Schenken INT Jacoby Dbl. Miller Pass You (7)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. Your hand is too weak to "stand" for the double of one no-trump, so you must bid your longest suit as a rescue. There is no need to bid the major rather than the minor suit, since a double of one no-trump does not anticipate a takeout and is therefore not necessarily best prepared for a major suit.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 20% for one spade, 10% for pass.

Question No. 734

To-day you are Merwin Miller's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠	J 10 8 3
♥	Q 5
♦	J 9 3 2
♣	J 10 7 2

The bidding:

Schenken INT Miller Dbl. Jacoby Pass You (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

"NAVY JACK" GOT TWO GERMANS

While the countryside was lit up by the red glow of a blazing German bomber shot down in a raid on Bristol, John Palmer, fifty-seven-year-old cabinet-maker, spotted two parachutes falling.

He ran across fields, found two Germans, and seized their revolver. Then he took them in charge. Mr. Palmer is called Navy Jack, because he is reputed far and wide as the toughest man in his native village.

He had no gun with which to challenge the Germans, but that didn't worry him at all, he told a reporter recently.

Heaven Help Them

"Heaven help any of these blighters if they try anything on with me," he said. "I had been out firewatching, and was just having a cup of cocoa when the boys came rushing in to tell me parachutists were coming down.

"I led a party on to the moors to look for them. I got separated from the others because I jumped a big ditch that was too much for some of the young ones.

"I heard two Jerries talking under a hedge, so I put my hand in my coat pocket and walked right up to them pointing my finger through my coat. 'Hands up,' I shouted, prodding them in the ribs with my fingers.

"I searched them and found they had one revolver between them, so I borrowed it.

"Then a young Home Guard and some other men came up to help me."

IN FULL KIT, SAVED BOY

Dressed in full Home Guard uniform, with his gas mask, steel helmet and pack, George Hardy, age forty-seven, Hayes, Middlesex, plunged into the River Brent at Greenford to rescue a ten-year-old boy.

Then, drenched and practically exhausted, he was taken home in a dust-cart.

"It was all in a day's work," was Mr. Hardy's only comment.

His wife told a reporter: "He had been at work on Wednesday, on Home Guard duty on Wednesday night, and at work all day Thursday before the rescue.

"He was cycling home from work when he heard children screaming. He saw a child nearly drowning and rushed to the rescue.

"He has gone to work again to-day."

16, CLUBBED SEVEN MEN

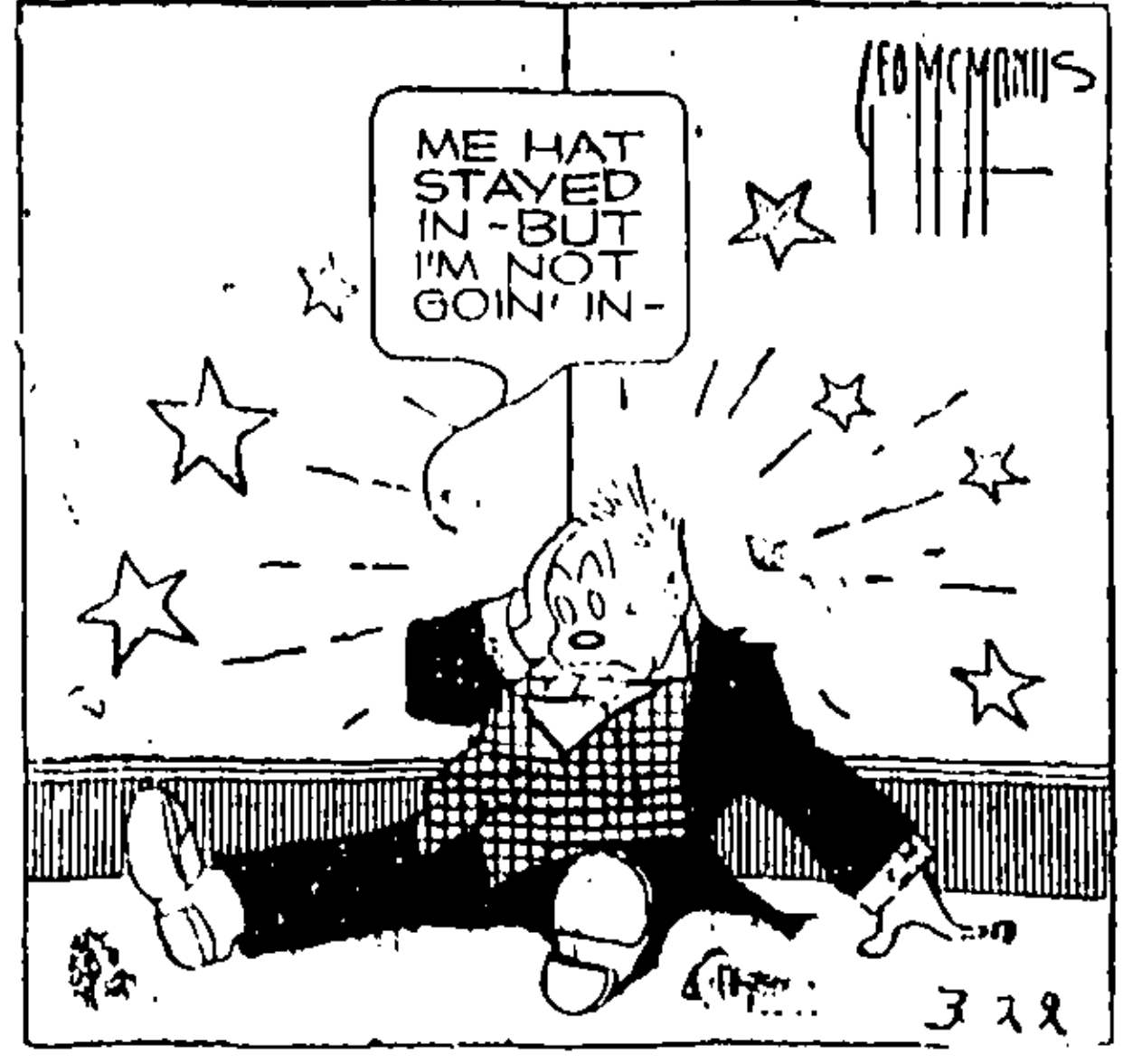
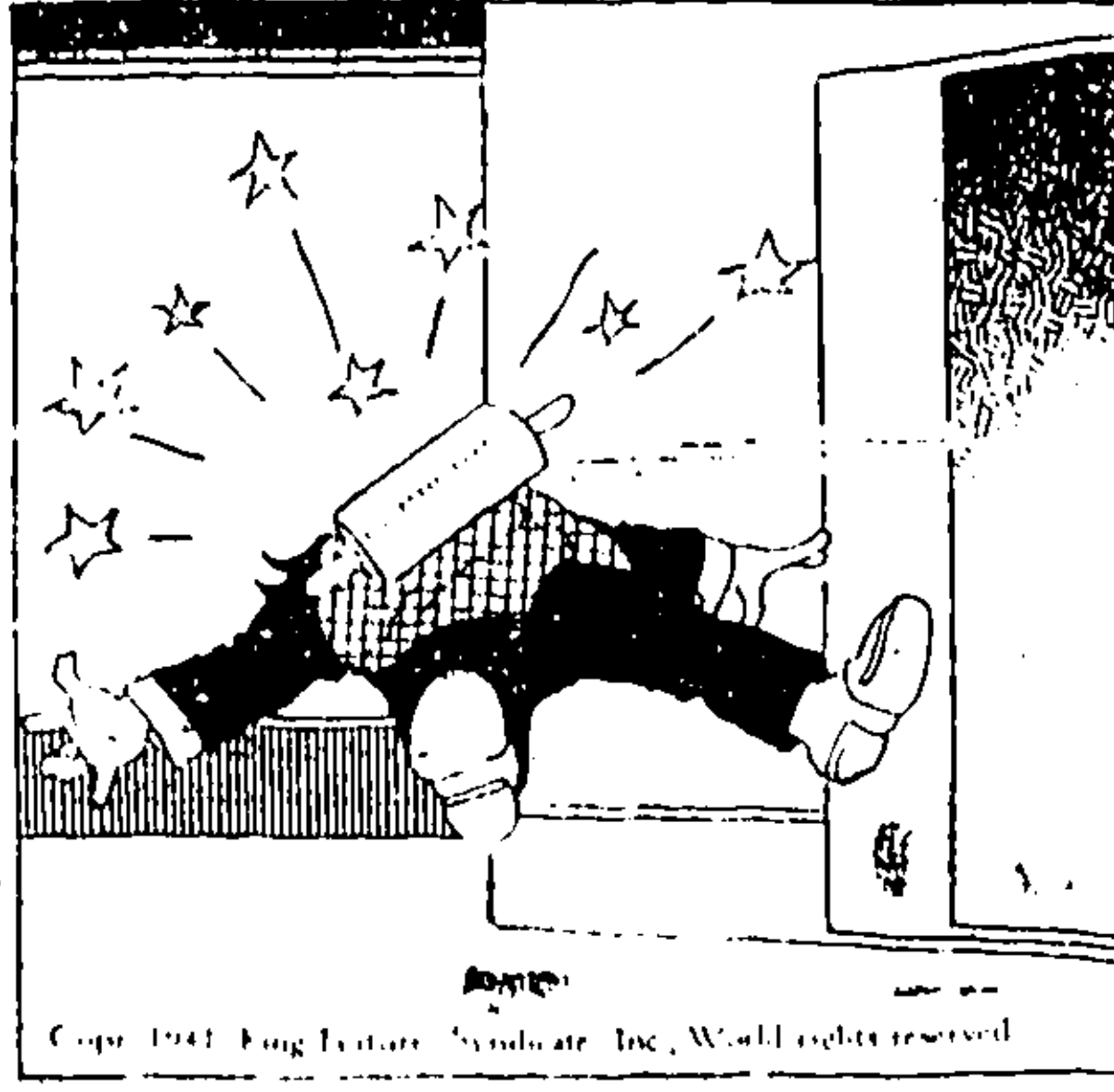
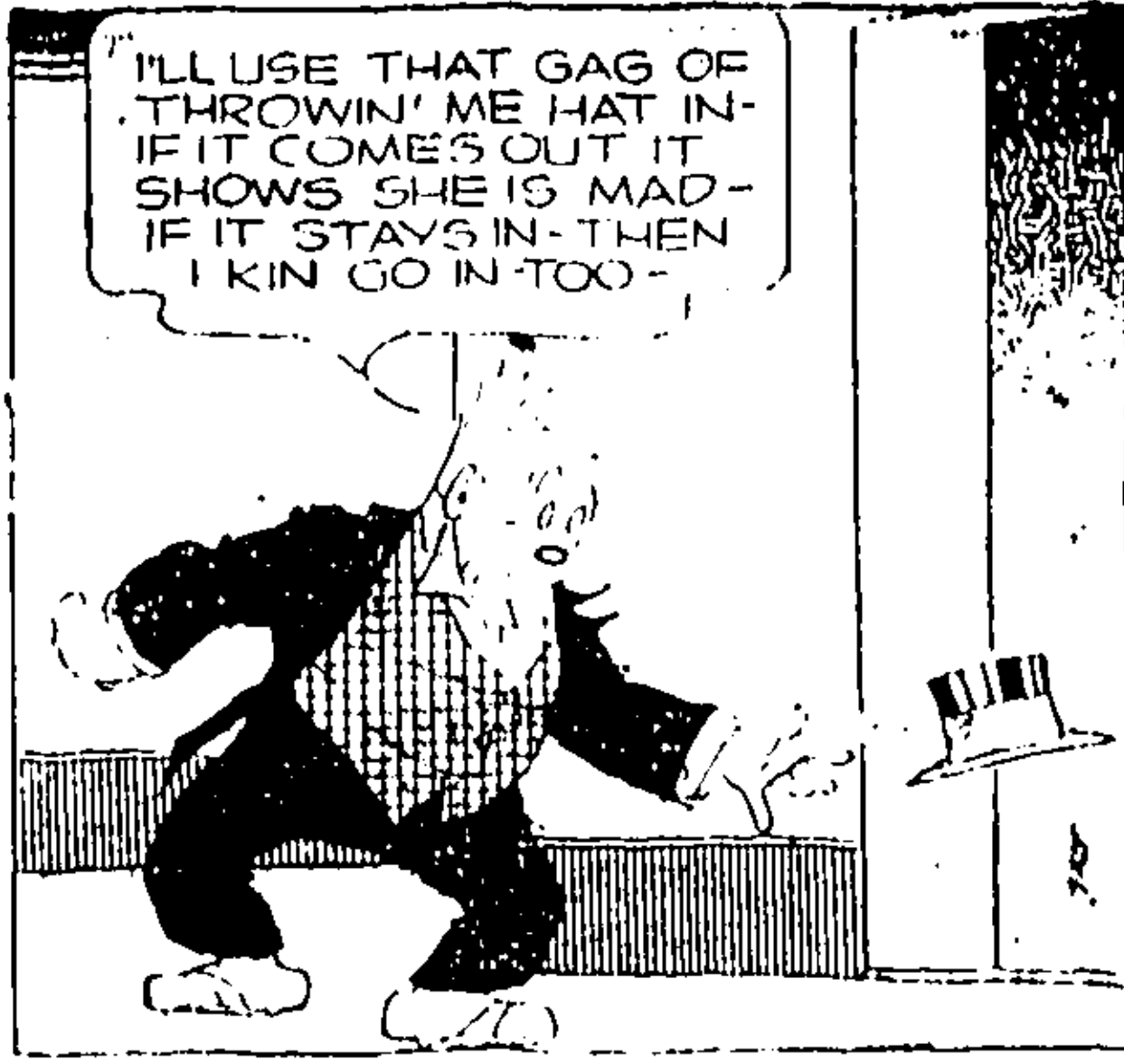
Twenty strokes with the birch and three years Borstal was the sentence passed at the Old Bailey on a youth, now seventeen, who laid in wait in a dark passage for men returning home with their wages, struck seven down with a wooden pickaxe shaft and robbed them.

The youth, who was sixteen at the time of the offences, is George Ernest Knapp, a Dagenham tiler, said to have been earning as much as £6 a week.

Passing sentence, the Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, said: "After a long experience of criminal cases I can never recall such a case as this.

"Knapp pleaded guilty to four charges of robbery with violence, and asked for three offences of assault and attempted robbery to be taken into consideration."

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN New Camera Make-Up

Most women feel that to have a photograph taken is a much an ordeal as a visit to the dentist. Few of us are born photogenic and because of that we deter the camera making it difficult for the photographer to catch an expression which will satisfy our vanity. When we see the un-retouched proof we want to cry from disappointment.

Knowing this common feminine idiosyncrasy, a cosmetic house (with the aid of an X movie expert) now presents an inexpensive lot of camera make-up, Hamden's Panchromatic Make-up, which, if used as directed, can make anyone of us a Garbo or a Hepburn! How you wield your basic tint and tiny brushes makes all the difference in the world!

The set contains five basic tints in slick-cream consistency, one shadow, one lip rouge with brush for application, one eyebrow pencil which is also used as eyelid liner, three shades of face powder and a powder puff. What fun one has changing the colour of one's complexion, accenting a naughty bit of an eyebrow or drawing a new pair of lips.

Practice First

After you have made the appointment with your photographer you should spend an hour or more practising this new camera art. A little book of directions tells you how to take eight steps to facial glamour and instructs you in the selection of shades for your individuality.

For instance it teaches you shadowing and highlighting which may be carried over to your everyday application of make-up. If you have a wrinkle to hide or lines beneath the eyes, you are told what to use to do the trick. Every woman could spend time to advantage reading the little booklet which is nicely diagrammed.

Handy For Brides

Brides-to-be should certainly give this make-up a testing for the one time in a girl's life when she desires a glamorous portrait is when she models her bridal costume for the photographer. That portrait should be handed down to posterity and should be as charming as possible.

But don't for a minute think



You no longer are of the younger generation if you don't get a thrill out of anticipating participation in the fashion parade.



A bridal picture is treasured for years. A bride should take every precaution to make her photograph as lovely as possible.

This make-up is just for portraits any girl with a dark complexion or a good deep tan can use it to create night-time beauty. Even those with fairer complexions can fool their public if they will be certain to cover every bit of exposed skin from the chest up! They at least can have the fun of seeing how they would look as a sultry brunette!

Dress Designing In Soho

Sophie Federavitch, who did this ballet,

Her clients include such interesting personalities as Hedli Anderson, Phyllis Monkman, Patricia Burke, and her mother, Marie Burke, Madge Elliott, Margot Fonteyn, and Hermione Gingold.

STOP AND THINK

If you are one of those people who are always being told not to "make such a fuss," don't try to curb your natural impatience, but turn this trait in your character to good advantage.

Instead of grumbling aimlessly, search for situations that need adjusting, people who need help.

When you've found them, raise your voice and make others notice them, too.

Much of the unhappiness in the world to-day is caused by people being afraid, or too lazy to air their grievances.

They think that it is wise to push their dislikes into the background.

So it is up to a point, but not when it means closing your eyes to problems that need immediate attention.

After all, this is certainly not a perfect world, and to be absolutely satisfied with it is hardly desirable, or even possible.

The people who take everything with complacency are, to say the least, of little use. Being without desires or opinions, they are not interesting to anyone.

Matilda Etches, the dress designer, of French-Canadian ancestry, sits in her studio overlooking shattered houses in Frith Street, Soho, and carries on.

Matilda Etches carries on, because the Service men tell her that when on leave they want their womenfolk to look chic and gay. So when at night they take their partners out she has designed her famous "Blitz Stop-out and Stay-out Suit." In many of the major hotels and restaurants the clients have often to stay the night if the bombing and barrage are very intense. So Matilda Etches prepares her clients for these eventualities.

An attractive pyjama outfit is covered by a skirt of black wool, and a smart little jacket with zipped pockets makes an ideal combined costume for dancing or sleeping.

Matilda Etches has many successes in designing costumes for the ballet. While I was in her studio, writes a correspondent, an armful of pink carnations arrived from Rex Whistler, with whom she was happily associated regarding such ballets as "The Wise Virgins."

A number of the Etches-dresses were lost in Holland when the Vic-Wells Ballet Company had to flee from the invading Germans.

One of her latest successes in the ballet world was the costuming of "The Dante Sonnet," which was acclaimed as perfectly suiting the mood and movement of this work. She finds much inspiration from the designs of

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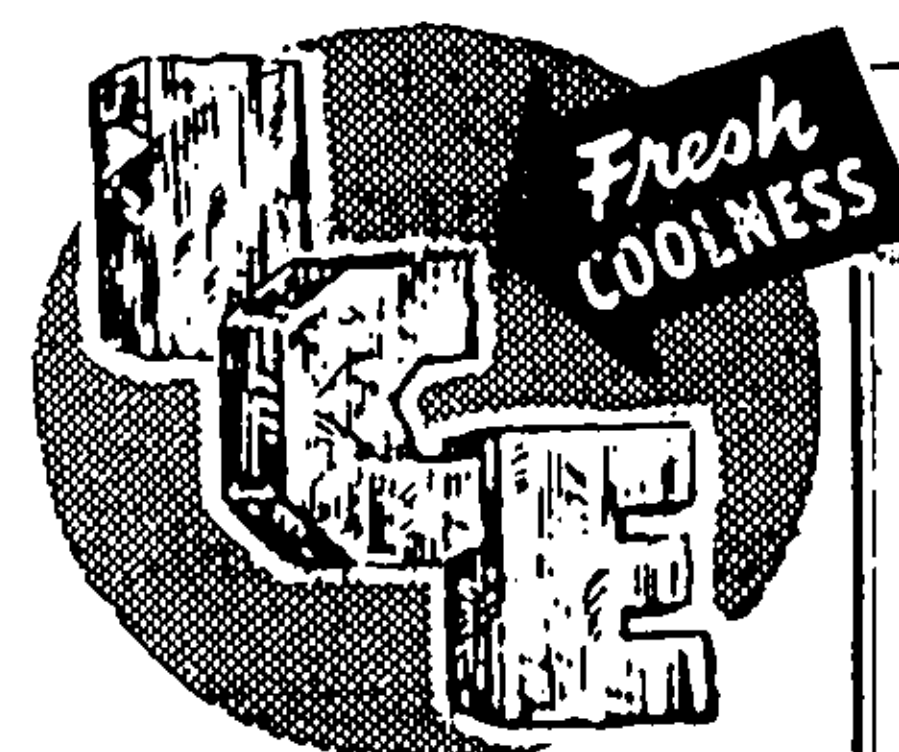
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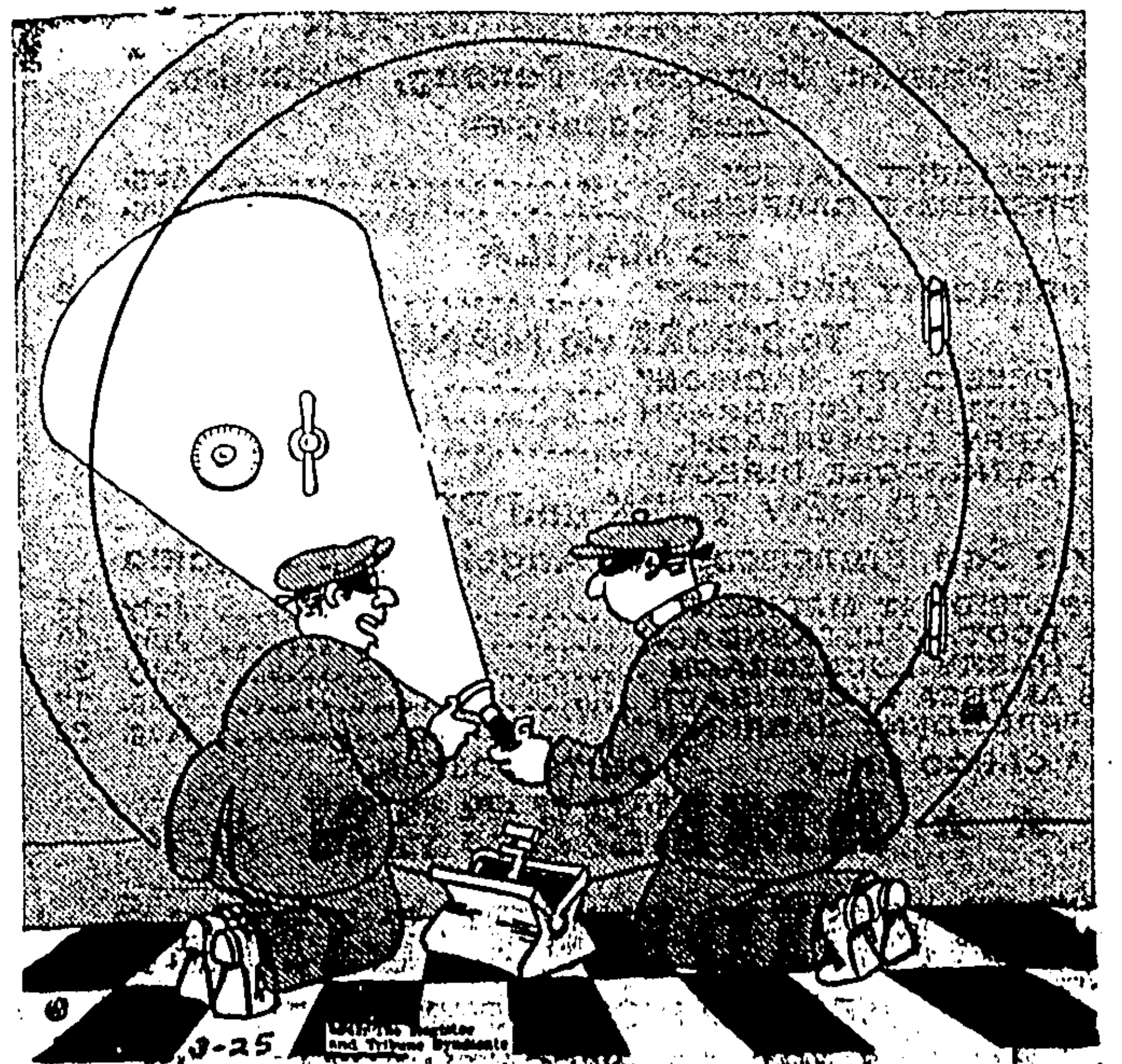
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12.30 p.m.—Artie Shaw & his Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—It had to be You; I can't believe that you're in Love with me. Fox-Trot—Chantez les bas. Rumba—Danza Lucumi. Fox-Trots—Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise (from "New Moon"); Copenhagen. Swing Fox-Trots—Non-Stop Flight. Pross Chai. Fox-Trot—This is Romance.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Songs by Bing Crosby. Maybe (from "Oh! Kay"). Tumbling Tumbleweeds (Nolan). If I Knew Then (Jurgens, Howard).

1.10 p.m.—Hawaiian Music. Hawaiian Love. Hawaiian Rose—Medley. Kane's Hawaiians. Papihina Lahlali (Johnny Noble). Haleiwa (Wood). Ray Kinney (Vocal) with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawaiians. Hilo Hanakahi (Haukalei). On the Beach of Waikiki (Kallimad). Waikiki Stone-Wall Boys.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The London Theatre Orchestra with Peggy Wood (Vocal). "Revueville" Memories. Windmill Theatre Selections. The London Theatre Orchestra Where are the Songs we Sung. Dearest Love (both from "Oprette"). Peggy Wood (Soprano) with Orchestra. The Land of Smiles Selection Intro. Introduction from Overture. Waltz Duet. Love's Magic Power. Finale. Act 2. Apple blossom. Homeland. Dancing. How Entrancing. A Cup of China Tea. You are my Heart's Delight. London Theatre Orch. Ziguener ("Bitter Sweet"). Coward. Peggy Wood (Soprano) with Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.40 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quick-Step. Bring out the Little Brown Jug. Fox-Trot—The Man who comes around. Billy Cotton & his Band. Fox-Trots—I've got my eyes on you (film "Broadway Melody of 1940"). The Singing Hills. Joe Loss & his Orchestra. Waltz—By the Wishing Well. Slow Fox-Trot—A Lover's Lullaby. Ambrose & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Starlit Hour. Shake down the Stars. Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal Thru the Courtesy of Love (film "Voice of Scandal"). Denny Dennis with Orchestra. Piano & Whistling Piano Medley No. 2. Intro. Easter Parade. With every breath I take. His Majesty the Baby. June in January. One good time deserves another. The big bad wolf was dead. Ronald Gourley Vocal—Little Fraternity Pin (from "Varsity Show"). Once in a while (Edwards, Green). Frances Langford with Orchestra. Vocal—Here's Love in your Eyes (film "The Big Broadcast of 1937"). To Mary—with Love (Gordon & Revel). Denny Dennis with Orchestra. Piano—Medley—Intro. Smoke gets in your eyes. Who made little Boy Blue. If I love again. Continental. Stay as sweet as you are. Sweetmeat Joe. The Candy Man. Ronald Gourley.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Programme Summary & Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Banjo Music. Banjo Favourites—Intro. Stein Song. Valencia. Toy Drum Major. Raymonde & his Band of Banjos. Keyboard Kapers (Steele). Mario de Pietro. Whistling Rufus (Mills). Temptation Rag (Lodge). Raymonde & his Band of Banjos.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Magyar Imre and his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor). Hungarian Csardas of George Nagy (Karoly). You are the Fellow, friend Tykody. My Little velvet Hat. Oh! How long it seems. Magyar Imre & his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Can I Forget You (film "High, Wide and Handsome"). Sympathy (film "Firefly"). Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra. The Last Drops—Waltz (Kratzl). The Blue Danube—Waltz (Joh. Strauss). Magyar Imre & his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Indian Love Lyrics—Kashmiri Song (Hope—Woodforde—Finden). Till I Wake (Hope—Woodforde—Finden). Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Piano. Bihar Waltzes (Bihari). Magyar Imre & his Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Verdi's "La Traviata" Act III. Soloists in order of appearance: Mercedes Capel (Soprano). Violetta Valery, a courtesan. Ida Conti (Contralto). Violetta's maid. Baccalon (Bass). A Physician. Lionel lo Cecil (Tenor). Alfredo Germont, lover of Violetta. Carlo Galem (Baritone). Alfredo's father, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

HOW THE "EAGLES" SHARPENED THEIR TALONS

PILOTS OF "EAGLE" Squadron, the first all-American Squadron of the Royal Air Force, which recently took its place as a fully fledged unit of Fighter Command, had the experience, unique under present day conditions, of undergoing their "operational training" as a complete squadron under their own squadron commander.

Normally pilots in the R.A.F. go through the famous "four stage" training system — Initial Training Wing; Elementary Flying School; Service Flying School; Operational Training Unit. This system is designed to transform the completely untrained young men into the highly skilled service pilot ready to take his part in a squadron on active service.

But when "Eagle" Squadron was formed last October, all its members could already fly. Some had seen service with French or British Squadrons; others were pilots with American civil air lines; some student fliers at their Universities in the States.

What they mainly needed was collective training, flying together as a squadron in modern war conditions, so as to achieve that flexibility and unity which is the hall mark of the fighting squadrons of the R.A.F.

For the past few months "Eagle" Squadron has been sharpening its talons, going through all the tactical training and exercises which ordinarily is given in an operational training unit. In a comparatively quiet sector they have been hard at work, learning all the "tricks of the trade" under instructors with first hand experience of modern air fighting.

Films taken with cine-camera guns fitted to their Hurricane fighters and operated by a touch on the firing button recorded the "interceptions" and "attacks" made during practice

flights which closely resemble the real thing. Afterwards, in a darkened room, the pilots would re-live the "battle," noting the degree of success each achieved, or perhaps the mistakes which would have enabled an enemy to get away.

Gunnery practice, firing from an aircraft on the ground with its tail chocked up into flying position, and in the air at air-towed targets; quick take-offs by day and night; formation flying by flights and as a squadron; tactics, and control in the air from the ground and from the formation leaders; specialised instrument training; these are some of the things pilots of "Eagle" Squadron have been working at through the winter months.

Now, full-fledged and trained to the minute, "Eagle" Squadron lines up with the other Hurricane fighter squadrons of the R.A.F.—British, Dominions and Allies — ready for the fight.

RIVER SEARCH FOR CONJURER

Police are dragging the Thames near Maidenhead for the body of Mr. Horace Spencer, the conjurer, who fell from his bicycle into the river.

Mr. Spencer, who was fifty-six years of age, was one of the foremost card manipulators in the country. He had entertained thousands of people since he began conjuring at the age of ten.

He was cycling with a friend from Cookham, his native village, when he fell off his machine. His companion could not see him because of the darkness, but heard him shouting and struggling in the water. The Thames Patrol searched the river throughout the night in motor launches.

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MEAT CO. MANAGER FINED

A fine of \$25 was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, on Mr. A. G. Dalziel, manager of the Central Meat and Dairy Supply Company, for keeping an unregistered factory at No. 67, Hennessy Road.

Mr. D. W. Phillips, Inspector of Factories and Workshops, told the Court that accused had a licence for the factory, but it had expired last year.

FACTORY ROBBED

Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning, Lei Po-hing, 24, Leung Kan, 27, and Chi Ping-lun, 28, were charged with breaking into a knitting factory at No. 84, Argyle Street last Thursday, and with stealing five sewing machines.

Lei and Chi were further charged with breaking into the California Cafe, No. 631A, Nathan Road, and with stealing \$250 worth of cigarettes on Monday.

All accused pleaded guilty to first charge. Lei admitted the second charge, but Chi pleaded not guilty. The police accepted Chi's plea.

The sewing machines were recovered from a house in Fa Yuen Street where first and third accused shared a cubicle.

The cigarettes are believed to have been sold by accused to ships.

Accused were all convicted and remanded for sentence until tomorrow.

PORTUGUESE IN COURT

Fernando Antonio Ozorio, accountant, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with fraudulent conversion of \$660.97, belonging to Mr. A. G. Dalziel, of the Central Meat Supply Company, Windsor House.

The case was adjourned for 72 hours, bail of \$1,000 being allowed.

Mr. K. S. Dzau, No. 7, Princes Terrace, reported that his house was entered between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. yesterday and clothing to the value of \$120 was stolen.

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BOMB WIPED OUT LITTLE COLONY

"THE HAPPY FAMILY" residents of a small Home Counties village called the tiny colony of farm workers living in four last-war army huts in a field nearby.

There was grandpa—he had worked on the land all his life. And there was Mrs. Brown, her three daughters and a son—and an old soldier of the last war. There were others, too, all land workers, and two evacuees from a blitzed area.

The huts were each divided into two, making eight homes for these farming folk, who enjoyed the peace and quiet of their country surroundings.

When they were all in bed, war visited their little colony. Nazi bombs hurtled down from the skies, wiping out their "happy family."

Nine people were killed, including the two little evacuees—they were found clasped in each other's arms—and the Brown family went, too. One young girl, who had been planning for her soldier husband's home-coming from Ireland, will never see him.

I walked up the narrow lane, which is almost too small to take a car, to see what Hitler's bombs had done to the homes of these simple folk, writes a "Daily Mirror" reporter.

The wooden shacks they had lived in were flat. Here and there a toy peeped out from the debris, and in what was left of the end hut, lying on the damaged flooring, lay two medals. They must have belonged to the old soldier.

FIANCE UNAWARE HE IS ENGAGED

Accepting a captive officer's proposal of marriage sent by letter, a girl is wearing an engagement ring given to her by her fiancé's parents.

The officer, Captain William T. Lawton, of Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, does not know yet that Miss Joan Pogson, twenty, only daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. C. Pogson, of Hillcrest, Flathwaite, near Huddersfield, has accepted him.

The girl's letter saying "Yes" has not reached the prison camp in Poland to which he was transferred from one in Austria. "My fiancé was captured in the battle of France," Miss Pogson told the "Daily Mirror."

"Not a word has been struck out of any of his letters by the German censors, and the kisses at the bottom were also invariably left intact."

ANYWAY HE TOOK THE MILK

A big building in a West of England town was recently ordered to be evacuated because it was dangerous. Guards were placed in front to keep everyone away.

But later a Home Guard, risking his life, went to the back door. The sight that greeted him made him rush for help.

Standing in ranks all round the back of the building were scores of bottles of milk. Each day the milk boy had delivered the supply for the canteen at the back door, ignoring the previous day's milk still there.

Now the canteen are wondering how to make cheese out of the scores of gallons of sour milk, and the boy is wondering whether he will get the George Medal or the sack.

SEARCHLIGHT FROM ABOVE

On the way home from Hamburg the other night a bomber ran into heavy A.A. fire and the blaze of many searchlights near Elbe entrance to the Kiel Canal.

"As the defences were being so troublesome," said the pilot afterwards, "we came down to 200 feet to machine-gun the lights. We all took a hand, the two rear gunners, the navigator and myself, and between us we let off 1350 rounds."

"Three of the lights were blotted out but the others still held us. We were all lit up. So we came down lower still—to 50 feet—and for a time that foxed both the lights and the guns."

"Just as we were congratulating ourselves a searchlight shone down on us from above. It was on a hill well above our own height, and I must say it startled us for a few moments but we got clear in the end."

"The next thing was a very unpleasant smell of petrol. The rear gunner reported that petrol was splashing against the outside of his turret. I thought at first that one of the starboard petrol tanks had been torn open."

"I told the wireless operator to find out where the leak was, but within a few moments it was obvious that all the starboard petrol tanks were rapidly emptying, and that the main petrol tank feeding the starboard engine had been hit."

"So I opened up both engines to get as far as possible before the starboard engine gave out. It failed when we were just south of Scharborn Island, and for the rest of the way we had to fly on one engine. We jettisoned some of our stuff to lighten the aircraft, and the one engine took us faithfully home across the North Sea."

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600 Telephones (Old) @ \$22
500 Cements @ \$13¼
950 Ropes @ \$6.90
300 Watsons @ \$6.90

GIRL SAID TO BE STOLEN

For stealing an 11-year-old girl, Chan Shui-pui, in February last, Cheung Chan, 34, married woman, of No 136, Fa Yuen Street, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Alleged to have harboured the girl in her hut in Shekkulung Village, Lo Yee, 47, widow, also made her appearance before the Magistrate.

At the request of Det.-Sgt. R. Macvey, both women were remanded for a week for further enquiries.

ANOTHER FINE FOR SPITTING

A 26-year-old coolie, Yuen Luen, Water Works Department, was fined \$5 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for spitting in Wanchai Road.

Accused was arrested by Dr. G. I. Shaw, of the Medical Department, in Wanchai Road yesterday. Detective Sergeant V. Morrison prosecuted.

CASE AGAINST R.A.S.C. PRIVATE

The case in which Private Thomas Peter Durdan, 27, R.A.S.C., is charged with the manslaughter of Ho Sze in Sai Kung Street on March 18, was fixed for to-morrow morning for hearing before Mr. H. C. Macnamara by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

STOLE FROM WARSHIP

Charged with stealing a tin of petrol from one of H.M. Ships, a Chinese seaman employed on the ship, was fined \$50 or a month's hard labour, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant stated that he wanted to send the tin of petrol to his home in the country to exterminate white ants.

EXHIBITION EXTENDED

The Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Northcote Training College in Bonham Road has been extended to Saturday, is was announced this afternoon.

In the last few days and this morning, capacity crowds of school-children visited the Exhibition.

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MR. HEARNE'S FINE RIDE ON O-LAN: BREAKS RECORD

Favourites Have A Bad Time

By "Rapier"

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY.)

The first race on Monday, the Lead Mine Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class China ponies over six furlongs, was a treat to watch. Carrying 159 lb. Hopeful Star (Mr. Craven) was made hot favourite, and at one stage it appeared as if it was going to win, but it lacked the stamina to last out the distance, and had to be satisfied with third place.

King Kong (Mr. Wei) took the lead followed by Hopeful Star. Coming into the straight Hopeful Star held a slight advantage, but King Kong asserted itself on nearing the mile post and went on to win by a short head from Expansion Time (Mr. Black) which came through with a great burst of speed to beat Hopeful Star for second place.

FAVOURITE SECOND

The second race, the Killara Stakes (First section), from the 1 1/2 mile post, provided a real upset. With Mr. Black up, A Rosy Time took the lion's share of the betting, but it could do no better than place second. There was hardly anything of interest in the race. Leading Star (Mr. Craven), taking the lead from the start, never looked back, and, despite Mr. Black's effort, A Rosy Time was unable to make any impression the leader. War Tax (Mr. Wei) was third.

DEAD HEAT

The best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Manly Handicap (First section) for "B" Class Australian ponies, in which the favourite, The Nineteenth Hole (Mr. Hearne) again failed. Mamsail (Mr. Craven), which was third in the Whitsun Handicap on Saturday, scored a fine dead-heat win with Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei), the second favourite, to pay the biggest dividend of the day.

A fast pace was set by Mamsail, which was followed by Catterick Bridge (Mr. Chao) and Lancashire Chips.

On rounding the bend for home, Catterick Bridge fell off and Lancashire Chips took second place, hugging the rails behind Mamsail. When the distance post was reached Mr. Wei sent Lancashire Chips into a slight lead, but Mr. Craven pushed Mamsail along to draw level and fight out the finish, the ponies passing the winning post together in record time. They bettered Vanity Fair's time by 3/5 seconds.

FAVOURITE FAILS

In the fourth race, the Barwon Heads Stakes for non-winning Australian griffins, the public made Vis Major (Mr. Wood) favourite although it had done nothing on Saturday to warrant it. It ran unplaced.

King's Welcome (Mr. Black) shot out into the lead, followed by National Reform (Mr. Chang), and on passing the winning post for the first time, Mr. S. W. Lee sent Nomine Poenae forward to take the lead. This order was maintained until nearing the last quarter, when King's Welcome was seen to take command which it maintained right up to the two mile post, when Nomine Poenae again went ahead. At this stage it appeared that Nomine Poenae would win but Gay Fox came up with a great rush to pass it and go on to win by three lengths. Prairie View was third another two lengths away.

O-LAN'S NEW RECORD

Then came the main event of the day, the Whitsun Plate which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double".

Another record went by the board, the new mark being set by O-Lan, cleverly ridden by Mr. Hearne.

Confusion Bay (Mr. Black) was made favourite, and both Velvetlight (Mr. Wei) and World Fair View (Mr. Pih) were also well supported. Expectations of a grand race were fully justified and great excitement prevailed to the end.

Racylight (Mr. Liang) set the pace followed by World Fair View and Dupont Bay (Mr. Tu). On passing the winning post for the

first time, Dupont Bay assumed command and held it up to the half mile post where it faded out of the race.

It was here that Confusion Bay took the lead followed by World Fair View and O-Lan. Just before rounding the bend, Mr. Hearne sent O-Lan to second position with Velvetlight, third, to follow.

In the straight Confusion Bay was overhauled by O-Lan and Velvetlight, and it soon became evident that the finish would be fought out between O-Lan and Velvetlight, but the former had just that extra in reserve to stave off defeat by a neck, with Confusion Bay third two lengths behind.

In winning this race O-Lan clipped 3-1/5 seconds off World Fair View's record time.

ANOTHER "MIGHTY FALLEN"

The sixth race, the Killara Stakes (Second Section) from the 1 1/2 miles post, resulted in the downfall of another favourite. Newborn Star, which was strongly supported, finished unplaced. It bore out on nearing the public stands and this contributed largely to its downfall.

Araxy II (Mr. Gregory) got away first, with Ophir (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and Newborn Star (Mr. Craven) in close attendance.

In the straight Araxy II still led but Newborn Star came up strongly to pass Ophir, and challenge it. To the consternation of its backers, however, Newborn Star bore out to such an extent that it was never again in the picture. Meanwhile Araxy II went on to win by a length-and-a-half. Ophir was second, with Anzac Day (Mr. Hearne) third, the same distance away.

RECORD EQUALLED

The seventh race, the Bondi Handicap was the second leg of the "Daily Double" and Cheerful Star (Mr. Craven) was made hot favourite, the betting public evidently having full confidence in this combination. This confidence was justified as Cheerful Star won and equalled the record for this distance set by Fleetwing.

Cheerful Star quickly went out in front followed by Double Finesse (Mr. Chao) and Derby Day (Mr. Tang). At the six furlongs post Derby Day took the lead and kept it to the half mile post, where it shot its bolt immediately. Cheerful Star had passed it. Passing the Rock, Cheerful Star was still leading, followed by Cockleroi (Mr. Pih) and Shuttlecock (Mr. Black).

From this stage Cheerful Star went on to win from Shuttlecock, the second pony, which had the better of Cockleroi by a short head. There were 141 winning chances in the "Daily Double" and they were each rewarded with \$81.90.

SURPRISE FINISH

The eighth race, the Lead Mine Handicap (Second Section) for "C" Class China ponies, found Lovely View (Mr. Pih) a firm favourite, with Rob Roy (Mr. Poy) next in line of betting. Galveston Bay (Mr. Tu), the ultimate winner, was third in demand.

Rob Roy shot out in front followed by Advancing Time (Mr. Chang) and Lovely View. On reaching the Rock, Lovely View was sent forward to take the lead with Rob Roy and Galveston Bay following. Nearing the distant post Lovely View looked every inch the winner, but to the surprise of all Galveston Bay came through beautifully to pass Rob Roy, overhauled Lovely View and go on and win by two lengths, with Rob Roy third, one-and-a-half lengths behind.

WELL JUDGED RACE

The ninth race, the Point Nepean Handicap over the Champion's distance, was for 1941 Aus-

tralian Subs that have won only one race. King's Flight (Mr. Wei) was made favourite and did not disappoint.

The race started with Maple Leaf (Mr. Yuen) taking the lead, followed by Lex Fort (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Joan (Mr. Pan). After passing the seven furlongs post Lex Fort moved up to first position. This order was maintained to the Village bend, King's Flight being satisfied with fourth position. Coming to the last quarter King's Flight was sent into the lead with Happy Returns (Mr. Chang) behind, followed by Jus Gentium (Mr. Black).

Although Happy Returns came up strongly to challenge King's Flight on nearing the members' stands, it was to no avail as King's Flight had plenty in reserve and went on to win by one-and-a-half lengths. Jus Gentium was third another two lengths behind.

CRIFTEL PENALISED

There was nothing over which one could enthuse in this race, the Manly Handicap (Second Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies. It was a sprint event, and, carrying the most money, Criftel, ridden by Mr. Black, was penalised for being over anxious in getting away and was, therefore, put back instead of in the first position which it had drawn. This resulted in its downfall.

The start saw Devonian (Mr. Gregory) taking the lead followed by Rowan (Mr. Hearne) and Chiltern (Mr. Yuen). Rounding the bend Rowan shot forward to take the lead which it maintained right up to the end.

MR. LEE'S SUCCESS

Confined to novice jockeys, the Spencer Handicap over the mile brought Mr. S. W. Lee nearer to graduation. The race started with Bredon (Mr. Sequiera) taking the lead followed by Winnie (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Spring Shine (Mr. R. K. C. Chui), the favourite. On going up to the Rock, Bredon faded out of the race and Winnie took the lead. Coming down the straight Winnie was still leading, with Spring Shine second and A Good Time (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) third, and this was the order in which they eventually finished.

THE LANTAO HANDICAP

Last race of the day, the Lantao Handicap from the two miles post,

BOWLS TEAMS

The following clubs have selected their teams for League bowls matches on Saturday:—

K.C.C.

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A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, W. Mulcahy and E. C. Fincher (Skip).
A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip).
J. Jack, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and J. Fraser (Skip).
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A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip).
T. R. Hunter, N. O. Lloyd, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (Skip).

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v. K.T.R.C., Home)
J. S. Howell, B. I. Bickford, Dr. J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (Skip).
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. V. Pearce and W. Macfarlane (Skip).
R. P. Shaw, E. Strange, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (Skip).
Third Division (v. P.R.C., Away)
A. Bailey, C. Carr, J. Ralston and G. Stephens (Skip).
K. Farrow, J. M. Thomson, C. B. Robertson and G. Graver (Skip).
J. Russell, S. Strange, A. C. Gratton and B. H. Mansell (Skip).
Reserves: J. D. Thomson, E. Casey and A. B. Coleman.

K.F.C.

Second Division (v. Recreio, Home)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Field (Skip).
W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip).
A. A. Dand, C. Downman, W. C. Simpson and T. Fergusson (Skip).
Third Division (v. Recreio, Away)
B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller and B. D. Evans (Skip).
W. C. Ogley, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley (Skip).
G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre and R. Orden (Skip).
Reserves: J. Gibson, L. Bones, W. Seraphina and L. Mullett.
Second Division (v. C.C.C., Away)
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. C. Field (Skip).
W. Naef, A. Eastman, E. Kern and P. Younghusband (Skip).
A. A. Dand, C. Downman, W. C. Simpson and T. Fergusson (Skip).
Reserves: J. Gibson and W. C. Ogley.

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division (v. H.K.F.C., Away)
H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar and A. J. Kew (Skip).
N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip).
H. Gittins, W. M. Gittins, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip).
K.B.G.C.
First Division ("A" v. C.C.C., Home)
W. L. Walker, W. McNeill, S. Randle and A. M. Holland (Skip).
R. P. Phillips, H. Lockhart, H. White and A. J. Hall (Skip).
L. Sykes, A. Hyde-Lay, H. E. Drey and J. McKelvie (Skip).
First Division ("B" v. Recreio "A", Home)
W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett and R. Duncan (Skip).
A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (Skip).
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, G. H. Sheriff and L. Guy (Skip).
Third Division (v. H.K.E.R.C., Away)
C. E. Langley, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Seale and H. Nish (Skip).
J. S. Dimmen, E. A. Atkins, G. E. F. Thompson and C. Wallis (Skip).
H. Bicknell, G. W. Elphick, L. A. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip).

PONY

CLASSIFICATIONS

Following Alterations and Additions to Classification lists dated March 23, are notified:

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

to "A" Class: Lancashire Chips, Mamsail and National Courage.
to "B" Class: Cheerful Star, Gay Fox and Lucky Lady.
to "C" Class: Crack Shot, Triumphant Day, Devonian, Tropical love and Leading Star.
to "D" Class: Bruno, Gold Rod, Maple Star, Seventy Six, Casino, Hornpipe, Miss Chalfont, Streamlet, Daylight, Look See, Ophir and War Tax.
to "E" Class: Buckfastleigh, National Endurance, Rocky Beach, Swallow, Zadderdar, Double Dutch, Red Rabbit, Saratoga, The Hawk, National Blessings, Rising Star, Senorita and Willow.

CHINA PONIES

to "B" Class: Expansion Time, Hopeful Star and King Kong.
to "C" Class: Humdrum Eve, Well Done, Oscar Zylch and Red Feather.
to "E" Class: King's Worthy.

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. SHOW THEIR PACES

OF THE FIVE MATCHES ORIGINALLY
ARRANGED FOR YESTERDAY IN THIRD DIVISION OF THE TENNIS LEAGUE ONLY THREE
WERE PLAYED.

The two postponed games were the Recreio-Kowloon C.C. and the C.R.C. "A" and "B" matches, the former having been put forward to to-day.

Results follow:—

A.T.C. v K. Tong

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, by 7 1/2 sets to 1 1/2.
Emberson and Duffield (Army).
drew with S. Hsu and D. Chen 6-6
beat K. M. Lee and A. H. Basto 6-1
beat L. Chan and D. Kwok 6-1
Webb and Denyer (Army).
lost to Hsu and Chen 4-6
beat Lee and Basto 6-3
beat Chan and Kwok 6-3
Murray and Megson (Army).
beat Hsu and Chen 6-4
beat Lee and Basto 6-3
beat Chan and Kwok 6-3

C.C.C. v I.R.C.

Craigengower, beat Indian Recreation Club by nine sets to nil at the Valley.
Lee Wai-keet and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.).
beat A. Rahmin and M. A. Wahab 6-3
beat I. Kitchell and M. Hassan 6-0
beat M. P. Madar and A. D. H. Esmail 6-0
George Lai and Y. L. Pao (C.C.C.).
beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-3
beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1
beat Madar and Esmail 6-3
W. J. Howard and K. L. Wop (C.C.C.).
beat Rahmin and Wahab 6-0
beat Kitchell and Hassan 6-1
beat Madar and Esmail 6-1

K.I.T.C. v H.K.U.

Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat Hong Kong University Tennis Club by 5 1/2 sets to 3 1/2 at Pokfulam.
K. Cheah and E. Liu (H.K.U.T.C.).
lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain 1-5



lost to Dr. H. M. Singh and Dr. S. A. M. Sepher 3-6
drew with M. Ramzan and J. Khan 6-6
S. L. Yong and P. K. Hoo (H.K.U.T.C.).
lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain 0-6
lost to Singh and Sepher 2-6
beat Ramzan and Khan 6-3
T. C. Lo and Y. Ip (H.K.U.T.C.).
lost to S. A. and S. S. Hussain 0-6
beat Singh and Sepher 6-3
beat Ramzan and Khan 6-3

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some teams:—

A.T.C. v. Filipino Club
P.O.R.C. (1) v. J.R.C.
C.B.A. v. S.C.A.A.
I.R.C. v. C.C.C.
K.I.T.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2)
P.O.R.C. (1)—D. Fitches and Wong King-wai, S. S. Chiu and S. K. Chiu; Howlett and McPherson.
P.O.R.C. (2)—Tso Kwok-tai and Tai Fat; Morrison and C. Pile; So Yan-kit and Ho Tak-fan.
K.I.T.C.—S. A. M. Sepher and K. Sinker; S. Ramchand and W. Mehal; A. H. Mehal and S. Singh.
I.R.C.—M. H. Hassan and G. Singh; M. S. Hassan and M. I. Razack; A. J. Sumad and L. Kitchell.
Filipino Club—B. Poon and P. Poon; F. Gonzales and Robert Lee; T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza.
S.C.A.A.—F. Y. Kwok and K. C. Wong; C. M. T. and S. S. Yan; I. Chan and Y. K. Ng.

First Division (v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Away)
J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip).
Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rossetto (Skip).
Second Division (v. Kowloon Cricket Club, Away)
L. Gaddi, S. R. Solina, E. Zimmern and T. Lock (Skip).
J. H. Kaylor, L. E. Lammert, G. S. Ladd and M. J. Medina (Skip).
A. A. Razack, A. Kitchell, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).
Third Division (v. Hong Kong Cricket Club, Home)
R. K. Pavri, F. X. Delgado, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip).
L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, E. S. Franks and A. J. Coelho (Skip).
W. E. Broadbridge, V. A. Jensen, F. K. Modi and D. A. Rozario (Skip).

HIGH STANDARD OF ATHLETICS IN U.S.

Defence Programme's Effect

HIGH JUMP OF OVER SEVEN FT.

"In view of the distinct revival of interest in athletics in Hong Kong, I have written this article on the sport in the United States which gives some idea of the extremely high standard, and which might prove of interest to your athletically-minded readers," writes a correspondent.

ARMY CAMPS and the absence of a chance of qualifying for an Amateur Athletic Union track team touring Europe have had little deterrent effect on the standard of track and field performance in the United States this year.

Defence jobs have claimed training time from a number of top-flight athletes, and conscription has claimed a number of the bigger names, prominent among them being John Woodruff, Olympic champion at 800 metres and world record holder at 880 yards.

College athletes continue to provide first class opposition for active graduate stars, however, and men of the calibre of Walter Mehl and John Munske, both since graduated from the Universities of Wisconsin and Missouri, respectively, are meeting with stern competition in the mile run from college stars Leslie MacMitchell, Bob Gunn and Phil Leibowitz.

Fast Mile

MacMitchell, with Mehl, holds the best time of the season at the distance—a mile in 4 mins. 7.4 secs. and the others are not more than five seconds behind. Woodruff's few appearances on the track are compensated for by half-milers of the standard of Campbell Kane, Edson Burrows, Clarence Barnes, MacUmstad, Dick Peter and three or four others, consistent at 1 min. 52 secs. or better.

The colleges lead in the 440 yards with Grover Klemmer of California better than 47 seconds flat, close on his heels being Gene Littler (Nebraska), Warren Brandebach (Michigan), Roy Cochran (Indiana), Clarence Barnes (California) and Vic Bourland (U.S.C.), who are capable of 47.2 secs. or better.

The heyday of the sprints has passed with the retirement from competition of the great Jesse Owens, Eulace Peacock and Ben Johnson, but potential 9.4 men remain in Harold Davis of Salinas and Norwood Ewell, Penn State, who, however, face little stern opposition.

There are not as many hurdlers of class as there were one or two years ago but Dugger of Tufts leads the high-barrier men, with Batiste of Sacramento, both of whom have done 13.9 secs., and Stickel of Pitt and Cochran of Indiana the lows, both near 23 seconds flat but far out of the class of Rice Institute's great Fred Wolcott.

Lester Steers of Oregon has cleared 7 feet 0½ inches in the high jump and is consistent at 6 feet 10 inches, with Johnny Wilson of U.S.C. and Bill Stewart, another Californian, steady at 6 feet 8 inches.

Cornelius Warmerdam of Fresno has already lifted the pole vault record this season to 15 feet 2½ inches and looks capable of 15.6 before the season is over, while Earle Meadows, Dick Ganslen, and Kenny Dills are in the 14.6 class.

Brown in Own Class

The broad jumpers are led by Billy Brown of Louisiana State with an early-season leap of 25 feet 7 inches, but there is hardly another 25-footer in sight.

The weightmen are led by Al Blozis of Georgetown who has already heaved the shot 57 feet, and by Archie Harris of Indiana and Phil Fox of the Olympic Club in the disc. Harris has spun the platter out to 171 feet and Fox to 169 feet.

ROSYLIGHT STATEMENT

Asked for a statement on the withdrawal of Ciro's Rosylight, second favourite, at last Saturday's races and the decision not to return betting money on this pony, Mr. C. B. Brown, Secretary of Hong Kong Jockey Club, told the "China Mail" yesterday that the pony came under the Starter's orders and so must be considered to have raced, in which case betting money was not refundable.

S.C.A.A. GALA

South China Athletic Association will hold their first swimming gala of the season at North Point, to-morrow at 7.30 p.m. Following is the programme: Ladies' 50 metres Free-style; Men's 100 metres Free-style (Open to the Colony).

Ladies' 100 metres Free-style (Open to the Colony).

Ladies' 100 metres Breast-stroke; Children's 50 metres Free-style; Men's 200 metres Four Men Relay; 50 metres Obstacle Race; Water Polo match.

ARMY TENNIS

In the Second Division Army Tennis League, 38th Battery, Royal Artillery, beat Royal Corps of Signals by two points to one at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Price and Love (Signals).

beat Lieut. Dawson and Bdr. Whitmore, 6-3, 7-5.

Sgt. Brakenberry and Sgt. Wat-hen (Signals).

lost to Lieut. Godfrey and Cpl. Reynolds, 5-7, 2-6.

C. S. M. Fayers and Cpl. Gorman (Signals).

lost to Sgt. Hicks and Bdr. Good-enough, 6-3, 2-6, 2-6.

WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT

Two matches in the water-polo Tournament were held yesterday. Navy "A", after being two goals down, recovered to beat Middlessex "B" 4-2 at Y.M.C.A. and Navy "B" and 5th A.A. Regt. shared four goals in the Dockyard.

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SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON CONVOY OFF TUNISIA

CANADIAN AIR FORCE TRAGEDY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Five Royal Canadian Air Force flyers were instantly killed when their Hudson plane crashed into a radio mast on Sable Island, in the Atlantic, while they were searching for a missing R.A.F. aircraft with four aboard.

The missing plane is equipped with a rubber dinghy, giving hope that the quartet might be found alive. —International News Service.

BRITISH LAND FROM THE AIR

THE OCCUPATION OF MOSUL WAS CARRIED OUT BY BRITISH AIR-BORNE AND GROUND TROOPS ON TUESDAY, ACCORDING TO MILITARY CIRCLES IN CAIRO.

Owing to the lack of bows they are unable to state whether the British met with any resistance. The same circles said that there

8,000-Ton Axis Vessel Blown Up

A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL aerial attack on an enemy convoy is recorded in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

It states: "As a result of reconnaissance carried out by American-built Maryland aircraft, R.A.F. bombers on Tuesday attacked a convoy of enemy merchant vessels escorted by destroyers which was proceeding southwards off the Tunisian coast.

"One ship of about 8,000 tons blew up with such tremendous force that flying debris hit and damaged other ships in the convoy. Debris also struck one of our bombers which crashed into the sea.

"Direct hits were also registered on another ship in the convoy of about 5,000 tons and it was left ablaze with columns of smoke pouring from amidships. Other vessels were also damaged.

"An Italian three-engined aircraft was shot down by our fighters into the sea at Malta. The crew were last seen on the wing of their aircraft.

There was no evidence of any particular damage to oil pumping stations and that the wells were intact. —Reuter.

Syrian Dumps Bombed

"While on reconnaissance flight off the Island of Cephalonia, one of our aircraft attacked an Italian seaplane which was taxiing on the water and destroyed it.

"In Cyrenaica, South African fighters machine-gunned a number of enemy aircraft on the landing ground at Gambut, destroying three.

"Benghazi was raided during the night of Monday and Tuesday and large fires were started on moles and among military buildings.

"Petrol dumps at Beirut, in Syria, were bombed and machine-gunned by our aircraft on Tuesday.

"Enemy positions in Abyssinia particularly at Debarech, were attacked.

"From all these operations one of our aircraft is reported missing in addition to the one mentioned above. Two aircraft reported missing in the communiqués of June 2 and 3 are known to have returned safely to their bases." —Reuter.

WINANT'S TALK WITH MR. HULL

THE VEIL OF SECRECY WHICH HITHERTO HAS SHROUDED THE VISIT OF MR. JOHN G. WINANT, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, TO WASHINGTON, WAS PARTLY LIFTED LAST EVENING.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said at his press conference that the state of international danger to the United States was the subject of his conference with Mr. Winant on Tuesday.

He added they spent much time going over United States policy generally in relation to the international situation.

Mr. Winant was expected to confer again with President Roosevelt yesterday —Reuter.

SHANGHAI EDUCATOR KIDNAPPED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Mr. Robert Sze, Registrar of St. John's University, Shanghai, was kidnapped in the notorious Tsokadoo Village, by a gang of three Russians and two Chinese, after leaving the college campus in the "Badlands" yesterday.

Mr. Sze was dragged from his ricksha, handcuffed and spirited away in a limousine.

Political motives are seen behind the kidnapping. — International News Service.

STRONG NAZI FORCES ALREADY IN SYRIA

(Continued from Page 1) overt move by Britain might compel Vichy to go over completely to the Reich.

MEANWHILE THE VICHY SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY WARNED BRITAIN THAT THE FRENCH ADMINISTRATION IN SYRIA WILL RESIST ANY BRITISH ATTACK.

The spokesman added: "But we hope everybody will let Syria alone." — International News Service.

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